

Preview questionnaire: Arthroscopy, knee (surgical) with lateral release

For Blue Care Network HMOSM (commercial) and BCN AdvantageSM members

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Arthroscopy, knee (surgical) with lateral release

Blue Care Network provides coverage for this procedure for adult members who meet medical necessity criteria. Submit prior authorization requests through the e-referral system.

The submitter will receive a prompt to complete a questionnaire to determine the appropriateness of the requested service. The questions are listed below.

If all questions are answered, e-referral will either approve or pend the case. If the case pends and BCN cannot authorize it, BCN will contact the provider for additional clinical information. Authorization is not a guarantee of payment.

Payment is based on established claim edits. Compliance with this prior authorization requirement will be monitored retrospectively.

Applicable codes for arthroscopy, knee (surgical) with lateral release: *27425, *29873

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See below for the questions you'll encounter for arthroscopy, knee (surgical) with lateral release in the e-referral system.

You must answer each question by choosing either Yes, No, Not Applicable or another appropriate option.

Arthroscopy Knee (Surgical), with Lateral Release

Q Does the patient have EITHER pain of the knee cap or around the knee cap OR crepitus (crackling/popping sounds or grating sensation) behind the knee cap on physical exam?

A

Possible answers: Yes No

Q No or minimal changes of the patellofemoral articular surfaces (where the lower end of the thigh bone and kneecap join together) by x-ray?

A

Possible answers: Yes No

Q Does the patient have imaging findings of excessive or abnormal patellar tilt ?

A

Possible answers: Yes No No imaging performed

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You must answer each question by choosing either Yes, No, Not Applicable or another appropriate option.

Q Does the patient have continued symptoms or findings after treatment with NSAID (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) for at least 3 weeks (unless contraindicated or not tolerated)?

A Possible answers: Yes No

Q Does the patient have continued symptoms or findings after physical therapy or Physician directed home exercise program for at least 12 weeks?

A Possible answers: Yes No

Q Does the patient have continued symptoms or findings after external joint support (such as bracing or taping) for at least 12 weeks?

A Possible answers: Yes No