Arthroscopy knee (surgical), removal of loose or foreign body

We provide coverage for this procedure for adult members who meet medical necessity criteria. Submit 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 we cannot authorize it, we will contact the provider for additional clinical information. Authorization is not a guarantee of payment.

Payment is based on established claim edits. We will retrospectively monitor compliance with this authorization requirement.

Applicable procedure codes: *29874

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See below for the questions you'll encounter in the e-referral system.

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<th>Question</th>
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<td>If the patient is less than 18 years of age, select &quot;yes&quot; and submit the request without completing the rest of the questionnaire.</td>
<td>Possible answers: ☐ Yes, &lt; 18 years ☐ No, 18 years or older</td>
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<td>Is the knee arthroscopy being performed for joint exploration after a penetrating joint injury?</td>
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Preview questionnaire
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Does the patient have at least ONE of the following symptoms (A-C)? A. Joint pain. B. Locking of the knee. C. Knee giving away during activities involving knee rotation.

Possible answers: □ Yes  □ No

Does the patient have at least ONE of the following findings (A-B)? A. Limited range of motion of the knee. B. Swelling of the knee.

Possible answers: □ Yes  □ No

Does the patient have loose body identified by imaging (X-ray, MRI or arthrogram)?

Possible answers: □ Yes  □ No  □ No imaging performed