Preview questionnaire
Arthroscopy knee (surgical), removal or stabilization of intra-articular osteochondral lesion
For BCN HMO℠ (commercial) and BCN Advantage℠ members
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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: *29885, *29886, *29887

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

**Question 1:** Does the patient have at least ONE of the following symptoms (A-C)? A. Joint pain. B. Locking of the knee. C. Knee giving way during activities involving knee rotation.

Possible answers: □ Yes □ No

**Question 2:** 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 an osteochondral lesion or loose body by imaging (a piece of cartilage and a thin layer of the bone beneath it comes loose from the end of a bone)?

Possible answers: ☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ No imaging performed