

# Preview questionnaire: Arthroscopy, knee (surgical), removal or stabilization of intra-articular osteochondral lesion (osteochondritis dissecans)

For Blue Care Network HMO<sup>SM</sup> (commercial) and BCN Advantage<sup>SM</sup> members

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## Arthroscopy, knee (surgical), removal or stabilization of intra-articular osteochondral lesion (osteochondritis dissecans)

BCN 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), removal or stabilization of intra-articular osteochondral lesion (osteochondritis dissecans):** \*29885, \*29886, \*29887

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## See below for the questions you'll encounter for arthroscopy, knee (surgical) removal or stabilization of intra-articular osteochondral lesion (osteochondritis dissecans).

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

**Q** Does the patient have at least ONE of the following symptoms: Joint pain, locking of the knee or knee giving way during activities involving knee rotation?

**A**  Possible answers:  Yes  No

**Q** Does the patient have at least ONE of the following findings: Limited range of motion of the knee OR swelling of the knee?

**A**  Possible answers:  Yes  No

**Q** 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)?

**A**  Possible answers:  Yes  No  No imaging performed