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

We provide coverage for this procedure for adult members who meet medical necessity criteria.

- **For dates of service on or after June 1, 2020**, submit authorization requests to TurningPoint Healthcare Solutions, LLC. You can submit authorization requests to TurningPoint starting on May 1, 2020. See the [BCN Musculoskeletal Services](#) page for more information.

- **For dates of service before June 1, 2020**, 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.

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

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