Arthroscopy knee (surgical), synovectomy, major

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

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

- **For dates of service before July 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: *29876

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

1. Does the patient have ALL of the following symptoms (A-C)? A. Knee pain. B. Limited range of motion. C. Joint effusion or swelling.
   - Possible answers: Yes  No

2. Does the patient have minimal or NO degenerative changes in the bone and cartilage identified by X-ray?
   - Possible answers: Yes  No  No imaging performed
Does the patient have continued symptoms or findings after disease specific treatment for at least 12 weeks within the last year?

Possible answers: ☐ Yes  ☐ No