Arthroscopy Knee (Surgical), Removal of Loose Body or Foreign Body (*29874)

Blue Care Network provides coverage for surgical knee arthroscopy for adult members who meet medical necessity criteria. Submit prior authorization requests through e-referral. 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 auth service will be monitored retrospectively.

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1. If the patient less than 18 years of age, select "yes" and submit the request without completing the rest of the questionnaire.  
   - Yes, < 18 years
   - No, 18 years or older

2. Is the knee arthroscopy being performed for joint exploration after a penetrating joint injury?  
   - Yes
   - No

3. Does the patient have:

4. At least ONE of the following symptoms: joint pain, locking of the knee or knee giving away?  
   - Yes
   - No

5. At least TWO of the following findings: pain with passive range of motion, limited range of motion, clicking?  
   - Yes
   - No

6. Loose body identified by imaging (x-ray, MRI or arthrogram)?  
   - Yes
   - No
   - No imaging performed

Reference:
InterQual® 2012 Procedures Adult Criteria, Arthroscopy, Surgical.

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