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.

| Code   | Description                                                                 | 1. If the patient less than 18 years of age, select “yes” and submit the request without completing the rest of the questionnaire. | 2. Is the knee arthroscopy being performed for joint exploration after a penetrating joint injury? | 3. Does the patient have: | 4. Knee pain WITH ALL of the following findings: limited range of motion AND joint swelling AND synovial thickening on physical exam? | 5. Minimal or NO degenerative changes in the bone and cartilage by x-ray? | 6. Continued symptoms/findings after appropriate medication therapy for the specific condition for at least 12 weeks? | 7. Continued symptoms/findings after physical therapy for at least 6 weeks? |
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| *29876 | Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; synovectomy, major, 2 or more compartments (eg, medial or lateral) | □ Yes, < 18 years □ No, 18 years or older                                                                                   | □ Yes □ No                                                                                     |                                                                                       | □ Yes □ No □ No imaging performed                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       | □ Yes □ No                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                       | □ Yes □ No                                                                                                                                     |

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

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