Arthroscopy Knee (Surgical), Removal/Stabilization of Osteochondritis Dissecans

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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.

2. Is the knee arthroscopy being performed for joint exploration after a penetrating joint injury?

3. Does the patient have:

4. At least ONE of the following symptoms: joint pain, locking of the knee or knee giving away?

5. At least ONE of the following findings: limited range of motion of the knee OR knee joint swelling?

6. Osteochondritis dissecans by imaging (a piece of cartilage and a thin layer of the bone beneath it comes loose from the end of a bone)?

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

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