

Policy Title:	Hyaluronic acid Intra-articular Injection Policy: Durolane, Euflexxa, Gel-One , Gelsyn, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Hymovis, Monovisc, Orthovisc, Supartz/Supartz FX, Synjoyn, Synvisc, Synvisc-One, Triluron, Trivisc, , Visco-3, & sodium hyaluronate 1%		
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Purpose: To support safe, effective and appropriate use of Hyaluronic acid Intra-articular Injections.

Scope: Medicaid*, Commercial*, Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP)*

*(Medication only available on the Medical Benefit)

Policy Statement:

Hyaluronic acid Intra-articular Injections are covered under the Medical Benefit when used within the following guidelines. Use outside of these guidelines may result in non-payment unless approved under an exception process. Euflexxa is the preferred Hyaluronic acid Intra-articular Injection.

Procedure:

Coverage of Hyaluronic acid Intra-articular Injections will be reviewed prospectively via the prior authorization process based on criteria below.

Initial Criteria :

- Documented symptomatic osteoarthritis of the knee; AND
- Trial and failure of conservative therapy including physical therapy, pharmacotherapy [e.g., non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), acetaminophen (up to 1 g 4 times/day) and/or topical capsaicin cream] has been attempted and has not resulted in functional improvement after at least 3 months; AND
- The patient has failed to adequately respond to aspiration and injection of intra-articular steroids; AND
- The patient reports pain which interferes with functional activities (e.g., ambulation, prolonged standing); AND
- There are no contraindications to the injections (e.g., active joint infection, bleeding disorder); AND



- Requests for non-Euflexxa Hyaluronic acid intra-articular injections require that a patient must have a documented failure, intolerance or contraindication to Euflexxa; OR
- MMP members who have previously received this medication within the past 365 days are not subject to Step Therapy Requirements

Continuation of Therapy Criteria:

- Meets all initial criteria; AND
- Disease response with treatment as defined by improvement in signs and symptoms of pain and a stabilization or improvement in functional capacity during the 6-month period following the previous series of injections as evidenced by objective measures; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the previous injections. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include: severe joint swelling and pain, severe infections, anaphylactic or anaphylactoid reactions, etc.

Coverage durations: one series per knee for 6 months

*** Requests will also be reviewed to National Coverage Determination (NCD) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) if applicable. ***

Billable Units (per dose and over time):

<i>DRUG</i>	<i>HCPCS</i>	<i>1 Billable Unit (BU)</i>	<i>BU per administration</i>	<i>Number of Administrations per knee per 180 days</i>
Euflexxa	J7323	1 dose	1	3
Durolane	J7318	1mg	60	1
Gel-One	J7326	1 dose	1	1
GelSyn-3	J7328	0.1 mg	168	3
Gen-Visc 850	J7320	1 mg	25	5
Hyalgan; Supartz; Supartz FX	J7321	1 dose	1	5
Hymovis	J7322	1 mg	24	2
Monovisc	J7327	1 dose	1	1
Orthovisc	J7324	1 dose	1	4
Synvisc	J7325	1 mg	16	3
Synvisc-One	J7325	1 mg	48	1
Visco-3	J7321	1 dose	1	3



Synjoynt	J7331	1 mg	20	3
Trivisc	J7329	1mg	25	3
Triluron	J7332	1 mg	20	3

Investigational Use: All therapies are considered investigational when used at a dose or for a condition other than those that are recognized as medically accepted indications as defined in any one of the following standard reference compendia: American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information (AHFS-DI), Thomson Micromedex DrugDex, Clinical Pharmacology, Wolters Kluwer Lexi-Drugs, or Peer-reviewed published medical literature indicating that sufficient evidence exists to support use. Neighborhood does not provide coverage for drugs when used for investigational purposes.

Applicable Codes:

Below is a list of billing codes applicable for covered treatment options. The below tables are provided for reference purposes and may not be all-inclusive. Requests received with codes from tables below do not guarantee coverage. Requests must meet all criteria provided in the procedure section.

The following HCPCS/CPT codes are:

HCPCS/CPT Code	Description
J7320	Genvisc
J7321	Hyalgan or Supartz or Visco-3
J7322	Hymovis
J7323	Euflexxa
J7324	Orthovisc
J7325	Synvisc/Synvisc-One
J7326	Gel-One
J7327	Monovisc
J7331	Synjoynt
J7332	Triluron
J7328	Gel-Syn-3
J7329	Trivisc
J7318	Durolane



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