

Hyaluronic Acid Derivative (HAD) for Joint Fluid Replacement

Durolane
 Euflexxa
 Gel-One
 Gelsyn-3
 GenVisc
 Hyalgan
 Hymovis
 Monovisc
 OrthoVisc
 Synjoynt
 Supartz
 Synvisc/Synvisc One
 Triluron
 TriVisc
 Visco-3
 Effective 06/01/2025

Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MassHealth UPPL <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange	Program Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
Benefit	<input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit		
Specialty Limitations	N/A		
Contact Information	Medical and Specialty Medications		
	All Plans	Phone: 877-519-1908	Fax: 855-540-3693
Contact Information	Non-Specialty Medications		
	All Plans	Phone: 800-711-4555	Fax: 844-403-1029
Exceptions	N/A		

Overview

Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives are used in the treatment of pain in osteoarthritis (OA) of the knee in patients who have failed nonpharmacologic treatment and conventional analgesics.

Coverage Guidelines

Authorization may be reviewed on a case by case basis for members who are new to the plan currently receiving treatment with requested medication excluding when the product is obtained as samples or via manufacturer's patient assistance programs.

OR

Authorization may be granted for members when all the following criteria are met:

1. Diagnosis of knee osteoarthritis
2. Inadequate response to a 30 day trial, adverse reaction or contraindication to acetaminophen
3. **ONE** of the following:
 - a. Inadequate response or adverse reaction to intra-articular corticosteroid injection
 - b. Contraindication to all intra-articular corticosteroid injections

4. **ONE** of the following:
 - a. Inadequate response to a 30 day trial or adverse reaction to one NSAID within the last 90 days
 - b. Contraindication to all NSAIDs

Continuation of Therapy

Reauthorizations beyond 6 months of initial request is sufficient for response to therapy.

Limitations

1. Initial approvals and reauthorizations will be granted for 6 months.
2. The plan does not cover hyaluronic acid derivatives for the treatment of osteoarthritis in locations other than the knee because it is considered experimental, investigational, or unproven.
3. The plan does not cover hyaluronic acid derivatives for the treatment of isolated patella femoral arthritis or patella femoral syndrome as this is considered experimental, investigational, or unproven.

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Review History

06/19/2019 – Reviewed

05/20/2020 – Reviewed May P&T Mtg; References updated; added all medications to 'Limitations'

7/22/2020 – Updated July P&T Mtg; added Triluron to criteria. Effective 8/1/20

07/21/2021- Added Kellgren scale requirement, added additional reauth criteria; added coverage restriction of diagnosis of isolated patella femoral arthritis or patella femoral syndrome as this is considered experimental, investigational or unproven; approval time to 2 months. Effective 10/01/2021.



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