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Intraarticular Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives

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Overview

This policy supports medical necessity review for the following Intraarticular Hyaluronic Acid products:

- **Durolane**[®] (hyaluronic acid)
- Euflexxa® (1% sodium hyaluronate)
- Gel-One[®] (cross-linked hyaluronate)
- Gelsyn-3[™] (high molecular weight hyaluronan)
- **GenVisc 850**[®] (high molecular weight hyaluronan)
- **Hyalgan**[®] (sodium hyaluronate)
- Hymovis[®] (high molecular weight hyaluronan)
- Monovisc[™] (high molecular weight hyaluronan)
- **Orthovisc**[®] (high molecular weight hyaluronan)
- sodium hyaluronate 1% injection
- Supartz FX™ (sodium hyaluronate)
- **Synojoynt** (sodium hyaluronate)
- Synvisc® (hylan G-F 20)

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- Synvisc-One® (hylan G-F 20)
- Triluron[™] (sodium hyaluronate)
- **Trivisc** (sodium hyaluronate)
- **Visco-3**™ (sodium hyaluronate)

Click here for information on the hyaluronic acid source of each product

Additional criteria that support the review for medical necessity exceptions of non-covered products are located in the <u>Non-Covered Product Table</u> by the respective plan type and drug list where applicable.

Receipt of sample product does not satisfy any criteria requirements for coverage.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Intraarticular Hyaluronic Acid products (Durolane, Euflexxa, Gel-One, Gelsyn-3, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Hymovis, Monovisc, Orthovisc, sodium hyaluronate 1% injection, Supartz FX, Synojoynt, Synvisc, Synvisc-One, Triluron, Trivisc, Visco-3) are considered medically necessary when the following are met:

Osteoarthritis of the Knee. Individual meets ALL of the following criteria:

- Diagnosis of the knee to be treated is documented by radiologic evidence of osteoarthritis of the knee (for example, joint space narrowing, subchondral sclerosis, osteophytes, sub-chondral cysts)
- B. Documentation of **ONE** of the following:
 - i. Failure of **TWO** of the following modalities of therapy for osteoarthritis:
 - 1. At least six weeks of provider-directed conservative management program consisting of physical therapy or home exercises.
 - 2. At least **TWO** of the following pharmacologic therapies:
 - a. Oral or topical nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug(s) [NSAID(s)]
 - b. Acetaminophen
 - c. Tramadol
 - d. Duloxetine
 - 3. At least **ONE** injection of intraarticular corticosteroids to the affected knee
 - ii. Documented contraindication or intolerance to **ALL** of the following modalities of therapy for osteoarthritis:
 - 1. Provider-directed conservative management program consisting of physical therapy or home exercises
 - 2. Pharmacologic therapies for knee osteoarthritis
 - 3. Intraarticular corticosteroids
- C. Non-Covered Product Criteria is met, refer to below table(s)

<u>Dosing</u>. **ONE** of the following dosing regimens: 1-16, 43

<u>Note</u>: Dose listed is for one knee. If two knees are being treated, then each knee requires a syringe or vial of product.

- 1. Durolane, Gel-One, Monovisc, Synvisc-One: One injection.
- 2. Hymovis: Up to two injections given 1 week apart.
- 3. Euflexxa, Gelsyn-3, sodium hyaluronate 1% injection, SynoJoynt, Synvisc, Triluron, TriVisc, Visco-3: Up to three injections given 1 week apart.
- 4. Orthovisc: Up to 4 injections given 1 week apart.
- 5. GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Supartz FX: Up to 5 injections given 1 week apart.

Employer Group and Individual and Family Plan Non-Covered Products and Criteria:

Non-Covered Product	Criteria	
Gel-One	There is documentation of ONE of the following:	

Non-Covered		
Product	Criteria	
(cross-linked hyaluronate)	1. Failure, contraindication, or intolerance to BOTH of the following: A. Euflexxa (1% sodium hyaluronate) [may require prior authorization] B. Durolane (hyaluronic acid) OR Gelsyn-3 (high molecular weight hyaluronan) [may require prior authorization] 2. Both of the following: A. The request is for product that requires more than one injection to complete a course (for example, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Hymovis, Supartz FX, Sodium hyaluronate injection, Triluron, TriVisc, Visco-3) B. A course of injections has already been started with one of these agents In these cases, the individual can continue with the same product to complete the entire course. After completing this course, if further therapy is required with a hyaluronic acid derivative, then a Preferred Product (Durolane, Euflexxa or Gelsyn-3) must be tried.	
GenVisc 850 (high molecular weight hyaluronan)	There is documentation of ONE of the following: 1. Failure, contraindication, or intolerance to BOTH of the following: A. Euflexxa (1% sodium hyaluronate) [may require prior authorization] B. Durolane (hyaluronic acid) OR Gelsyn-3 (high molecular weight hyaluronan) [may require prior authorization] 2. Both of the following: A. The request is for product that requires more than one injection to complete a course (for example, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Hymovis, Supartz FX, Sodium hyaluronate injection, Triluron, TriVisc, Visco-3) B. A course of injections has already been started with one of these agents In these cases, the individual can continue with the same product to complete the entire course. After completing this course, if further therapy is required with a hyaluronic acid derivative, then a Preferred Product (Durolane, Euflexxa or Gelsyn-3) must be tried.	
Hyalgan (sodium hyaluronate)	There is documentation of ONE of the following: 1. Failure, contraindication, or intolerance to BOTH of the following: A. Euflexxa (1% sodium hyaluronate) [may require prior authorization] B. Durolane (hyaluronic acid) OR Gelsyn-3 (high molecular weight hyaluronan) [may require prior authorization] 2. Both of the following: A. The request is for product that requires more than one injection to complete a course (for example, GenVisc	

Non-Covered Product	Criteria
	850, Hyalgan, Hymovis, Supartz FX, Sodium hyaluronate injection, Triluron, TriVisc, Visco-3) B. A course of injections has already been started with one of these agents
	In these cases, the individual can continue with the same product to complete the entire course. After completing this course, if further therapy is required with a hyaluronic acid derivative, then a Preferred Product (Durolane, Euflexxa or Gelsyn-3) must be tried.
Hymovis (high molecular weight hyaluronan)	There is documentation of ONE of the following: 1. Failure, contraindication, or intolerance to BOTH of the following: A. Euflexxa (1% sodium hyaluronate) [may require prior authorization]
	B. Durolane (hyaluronic acid) OR Gelsyn-3 (high molecular weight hyaluronan) [may require prior authorization]
	Both of the following: A. The request is for product that requires more than one injection to complete a course (for example, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Hymovis, Supartz FX, Sodium hyaluronate injection, Triluron, TriVisc, Visco-3) B. A course of injections has already been started with one of these agents
	In these cases, the individual can continue with the same product to complete the entire course. After completing this course, if further therapy is required with a hyaluronic acid derivative, then a Preferred Product (Durolane, Euflexxa or Gelsyn-3) must be tried.
Monovisc (high molecular	There is documentation of ONE of the following: 1. Failure, contraindication, or intolerance to BOTH of the
weight hyaluronan)	following: A. Euflexxa (1% sodium hyaluronate) [may require prior authorization] B. Durolane (hyaluronic acid) OR Gelsyn-3 (high
	molecular weight hyaluronan) [may require prior authorization] 2. Both of the following: A. The request is for product that requires more than one injection to complete a course (for example, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Hymovis, Supartz FX, Sodium hyaluronate injection, Triluron, TriVisc, Visco-3) B. A course of injections has already been started with one of these agents
	In these cases, the individual can continue with the same product to complete the entire course. After completing this course, if further therapy is required with a hyaluronic acid derivative, then a Preferred Product (Durolane, Euflexxa or Gelsyn-3) must be tried.

Non-Covered Product	Criteria	
Orthovisc (high molecular weight hyaluronan)	There is documentation of ONE of the following: 1. Failure, contraindication, or intolerance to BOTH of the following: A. Euflexxa (1% sodium hyaluronate) [may require prior authorization] B. Durolane (hyaluronic acid) OR Gelsyn-3 (high molecular weight hyaluronan) [may require prior authorization]	
	2. Both of the following: A. The request is for product that requires more than one injection to complete a course (for example, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Hymovis, Supartz FX, Sodium hyaluronate injection, Triluron, TriVisc, Visco-3) B. A course of injections has already been started with one of these agents	
	In these cases, the individual can continue with the same product to complete the entire course. After completing this course, if further therapy is required with a hyaluronic acid derivative, then a Preferred Product (Durolane, Euflexxa or Gelsyn-3) must be tried.	
Supartz FX (sodium hyaluronate)	There is documentation of ONE of the following: 1. Failure, contraindication, or intolerance to BOTH of the following: A. Euflexxa (1% sodium hyaluronate) [may require prior authorization] B. Durolane (hyaluronic acid) OR Gelsyn-3 (high molecular weight hyaluronan) [may require prior authorization]	
	Both of the following: A. The request is for product that requires more than one injection to complete a course (for example, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Hymovis, Supartz FX, Sodium hyaluronate injection, Triluron, TriVisc, Visco-3) B. A course of injections has already been started with one of these agents	
	In these cases, the individual can continue with the same product to complete the entire course. After completing this course, if further therapy is required with a hyaluronic acid derivative, then a Preferred Product (Durolane, Euflexxa or Gelsyn-3) must be tried.	
Synojoynt (sodium hyaluronate)	There is documentation of ONE of the following: 1. Failure, contraindication, or intolerance to BOTH of the following: A. Euflexxa (1% sodium hyaluronate) [may require prior authorization] B. Durolane (hyaluronic acid) OR Gelsyn-3 (high molecular weight hyaluronan) [may require prior authorization] 2. Both of the following:	

Non-Covered	
Product	Criteria
	 A. The request is for product that requires more than one injection to complete a course (for example, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Hymovis, Supartz FX, Sodium hyaluronate injection, Triluron, TriVisc, Visco-3) B. A course of injections has already been started with one of these agents In these cases, the individual can continue with the same product to complete the entire course. After completing this course, if further therapy is required with a hyaluronic acid derivative, then a Preferred Product (Durolane, Euflexxa or Gelsyn-3) must be tried.
Synvisc	There is documentation of ONE of the following:
(hylan G-F 20)	 Failure, contraindication, or intolerance to BOTH of the following: A. Euflexxa (1% sodium hyaluronate) [may require prior authorization] B. Durolane (hyaluronic acid) OR Gelsyn-3 (high molecular weight hyaluronan) [may require prior authorization] Both of the following: A. The request is for product that requires more than one injection to complete a course (for example, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Hymovis, Supartz FX, Sodium hyaluronate injection, Triluron, TriVisc, Visco-3) B. A course of injections has already been started with one of these agents In these cases, the individual can continue with the same product to complete the entire course. After completing this course, if further therapy is required with a hyaluronic acid derivative, then a Preferred Product (Durolane, Euflexxa or Gelsyn-3) must be tried.
Synvisc-One	There is documentation of ONE of the following:
(hylan G-F 20)	 Failure, contraindication, or intolerance to BOTH of the following A. Euflexxa (1% sodium hyaluronate) [may require prior authorization] B. Durolane (hyaluronic acid) OR Gelsyn-3 (high molecular weight hyaluronan) [may require prior authorization] Both of the following: A. The request is for product that requires more than one injection to complete a course (for example, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Hymovis, Supartz FX, Sodium hyaluronate injection, Triluron, TriVisc, Visco-3) B. A course of injections has already been started with one of these agents In these cases, the individual can continue with the same product to complete the entire course. After completing this
	course, if further therapy is required with a hyaluronic acid

Non-Covered Product	Criteria
	derivative, then a Preferred Product (Durolane, Euflexxa or Gelsyn-3) must be tried.
Triluron (sodium hyaluronate)	There is documentation of ONE of the following: 1. Failure, contraindication, or intolerance to BOTH of the following: A. Euflexxa (1% sodium hyaluronate) [may require prior authorization] B. Durolane (hyaluronic acid) OR Gelsyn-3 (high molecular weight hyaluronan) [may require prior authorization] 2. Both of the following:
	 A. The request is for product that requires more than one injection to complete a course (for example, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Hymovis, Supartz FX, Sodium hyaluronate injection, Triluron, TriVisc, Visco-3) B. A course of injections has already been started with one of these agents
	In these cases, the individual can continue with the same product to complete the entire course. After completing this course, if further therapy is required with a hyaluronic acid derivative, then a Preferred Product (Durolane, Euflexxa or Gelsyn-3) must be tried.
Trivisc (sodium hyaluronate)	There is documentation of ONE of the following: 1. Failure, contraindication, or intolerance to BOTH of the following: A. Euflexxa (1% sodium hyaluronate) [may require prior authorization] B. Durolane (hyaluronic acid) OR Gelsyn-3 (high molecular weight hyaluronan) [may require prior authorization]
	2. Both of the following: A. The request is for product that requires more than one injection to complete a course (for example, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Hymovis, Supartz FX, Sodium hyaluronate injection, Triluron, TriVisc, Visco-3) B. A course of injections has already been started with one of these agents
	In these cases, the individual can continue with the same product to complete the entire course. After completing this course, if further therapy is required with a hyaluronic acid derivative, then a Preferred Product (Durolane, Euflexxa or Gelsyn-3) must be tried.
Visco-3 (sodium hyaluronate)	There is documentation of ONE of the following: 1. Failure, contraindication, or intolerance to BOTH of the following: A. Euflexxa (1% sodium hyaluronate) [may require prior authorization]

Non-Covered Product	Criteria	
	B. Durolane (hyaluronic acid) OR Gelsyn-3 (high molecular weight hyaluronan) [may require prior authorization]	
	Both of the following: A. The request is for product that requires more than one injection to complete a course (for example, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Hymovis, Supartz FX, Sodium hyaluronate injection, Triluron, TriVisc, Visco-3) B. A course of injections has already been started with one of these agents	
	In these cases, the individual can continue with the same product to complete the entire course. After completing this course, if further therapy is required with a hyaluronic acid derivative, then a Preferred Product (Durolane, Euflexxa or Gelsyn-3) must be tried.	

When coverage is available and medically necessary, the dosage, frequency, duration of therapy, and site of care should be reasonable, clinically appropriate, and supported by evidence-based literature and adjusted based upon severity, alternative available treatments, and previous response to therapy.

Reauthorization Criteria

Continuation of Intraarticular Hyaluronic Acid products is considered medically necessary for Osteoarthritis of the Knee when **ALL** of the following are met:

- 1. The above medical necessity criteria have been met prior to the start of Intraarticular Hyaluronic Acid therapy
- 2. There is documentation of beneficial response since initiating Intraarticular Hyaluronic Acid therapy
- 3. At least 6 months have lapsed since the completion of the prior treatment course

Authorization Duration

Initial approval duration is up to 6 months. Reauthorization approval duration is up to 6 months.

Conditions Not Covered

Any other use is considered experimental, investigational or unproven including the following (this list may not be all inclusive):

1. Acute Ankle Sprain. A randomized, controlled, prospective trial was conducted which assessed the use of intraarticular hyaluronic acid in acute ankle sprains. Patients treated with intraarticular hyaluronic acid (n = 79) within 48 hours of injury and again on Day 4 reported a time to pain-free and disability-free return to sport of 11 days (± 8 days) compared with 17 days (± 8 days) for placebo (P < 0.05). All patients were also treated with standard of care (rest, ice, compression, and elevation). At 24 months, the placebo group experienced an increase in repeat sprains when compared with those treated with an intraarticular hyaluronic acid product (21 recurrent ankle sprains in the placebo group compared with 7 recurrent ankle sprains in the intraarticular hyaluronic acid treatment group [P < 0.001]) as well as a significant difference in missed days from participation in sport activity (49 days vs. 12 days for the placebo and hyaluronic acid groups, respectively; P < 0.001). More data are needed to determine the role of intraarticular hyaluronic acid products in the treatment of acute ankle sprains.

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- 2. Osteoarthritis and Other Pathologic Conditions Involving Joints Other than the Knee (e.g., hand, hip, ankle, shoulder osteoarthritis, temporomandibular joint [TMJ], adhesive capsulitis of the shoulder, subacromial impingement). The prescribing information for these agents state in the precautions section that the safety and effectiveness of hyaluronic acid derivatives injections into joints other than the knee have not been established. Due to the absence of evidence to support use of intraarticular hyaluronic acid and potential for harm, the guidelines for the management of hand, hip, and knee osteoarthritis by American College of Rheumatology (2019) do not recommend use of intraarticular hyaluronic acid in patients with hand or hip osteoarthritis. Small trials have also investigated intraarticular hyaluronic acid in other joints, including ankle osteoarthritis and hip osteoarthritis. More data are needed to determine if there is a role for intraarticular hyaluronic acid for the treatment of osteoarthritis involving other joints. A small trial (n = 70) found that intraarticular hyaluronic acid did not result in increased benefit for adhesive capsulitis of the shoulder (also known as frozen shoulder) in patients who were already receiving physical therapy. Another small study (n = 159) did not show benefit of intraarticular hyaluronic acid over corticosteroid or placebo injections in patients with subacromial impingement.
- 3. Pathologic Conditions of the Knee Other than Osteoarthritis (e.g., chondromalacia patellae, osteochondritis dissecans, patellofemoral syndrome, post-anterior cruciate ligament [ACL] reconstruction). Intraarticular hyaluronic acid derivatives are indicated in knee osteoarthritis. Adequate, well-designed trials have not clearly established the use of these products in other conditions of the knee. 41-42
- 4. The combination of any other product, (for example, platelet rich plasma (PRP), stem cell products, amniotic products, corticosteroids) with a viscosupplement injection. There is insufficient evidence in the peer-reviewed published scientific literature to support safety and efficacy of the injection of platelet rich plasma (PRP) and/or corticosteroid into the same joint on the same date of service as a viscosupplement. 43

Coding Information

- 1) This list of codes may not be all-inclusive.
- 2) Deleted codes and codes which are not effective at the time the service is rendered may not be eligible for reimbursement.

Considered Medically Necessary when criteria in the applicable policy statements listed above are met:

HCPCS	Description
Codes	
J7320	Hyaluronan or derivative, GenVisc 850, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg
J7321	Hyaluronan or derivative, Hyalgan, Supartz or Visco-3, for intra-articular injection, per dose
J7322	Hyaluronan or derivative, Hymovis, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg
J7324	Hyaluronan or derivative, Orthovisc, for intra-articular injection, per dose
J7325	Hyaluronan or derivative, Synvisc or Synvisc-One, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg
J7326	Hyaluronan or derivative, Gel-One, for intra-articular injection, per dose
J7327	Hyaluronan or derivative, Monovisc, for intra-articular injection, per dose
J7331	Hyaluronan or derivative, Synojoynt, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg
J7332	Hyaluronan or derivative, Triluron, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg

Background

OVERVIEW

Hyaluronic acid derivatives are indicated for the treatment of **pain related to knee osteoarthritis** in patients who have failed to respond adequately to conservative nonpharmacologic therapy and to simple analgesics (e.g., acetaminophen).^{1-16,43} The use of intraarticular injections are to restore the normal properties (viscosity and elasticity) of the synovial fluid. Gel-One, Hyalgan, Supartz FX, Synvisc/Synvisc-One, Triluron, and Visco-3 are

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derived from rooster or chicken combs. The remaining products are derived from non-avian sources and may be useful for patients with allergies to eggs or poultry products. GenVisc 850 has data to support similarity to Supartz FX.⁹ Although retreatment data are limited, all of these products have data concerning efficacy and/or safety of repeat courses. In many cases, at least 6 months was required or a minimum of 6 months had elapsed prior to injection of a repeat course.

Guidelines

Guidelines for the medical management of osteoarthritis of the hand, hip, and knee are available from the American College of Rheumatology (2019).¹⁷ Multiple non-pharmacological modalities are recommended for knee osteoarthritis, including exercise, self-management programs, weight loss, Tai Chi, and use of assistive devices (i.e., bracing or a cane). Pharmacologic therapy for knee osteoarthritis consists of acetaminophen, oral and topical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), tramadol, intraarticular corticosteroid injections, duloxetine, and topical capsaicin. There is limited evidence establishing a benefit of hyaluronic acid intraarticular injections, which contributes to the conditional recommendation against use in knee osteoarthritis. However, when other alternatives have been exhausted or have failed to provide satisfactory benefit, use of intraarticular hyaluronic acid injections may be viewed more favorably than offering no intervention. In the guidelines, no distinction is made between the available intraarticular hyaluronic acid products or between products with various molecular weights.

The Osteoarthritis Research Society International also has guidelines for knee osteoarthritis (2019).¹⁹ These guidelines note that use of intraarticular hyaluronic acid injections are conditionally recommended for patients with knee osteoarthritis. The guidelines comment on the long-term treatment effect with intraarticular hyaluronic acid injections which is associated with symptom improvement beyond 12 weeks and a more favorable safety profile than intraarticular corticosteroid injections.

Product	Hyaluronic Acid Source
Durolane (hyaluronic acid)	Bacteria cells
Euflexxa (1% sodium hyaluronate)	Bacterial cells
Gel-One (cross-linked hyaluronate)	Avian (chicken combs)
Gelsyn-3 (high molecular weight hyaluronan)	Bacterial fermentation
GenVisc 850 (high molecular weight hyaluronan)	Bacterial fermentation
Hyalgan (sodium hyaluronate)	Avian (rooster combs)
Hymovis (high molecular weight hyaluronan)	Bacterial fermentation
Monovisc (high molecular weight hyaluronan)	Bacterial cells
Orthovisc (high molecular weight hyaluronan)	Bacterial cells
Supartz FX (sodium hyaluronate)	Avian (chicken combs)
Synojoynt (sodium hyaluronate)	Bacterial fermentation
Synvisc (hylan G-F 20)	Avian (chicken combs)
Synvisc-One (hylan G-F 20)	Avian (chicken combs)
Triluron (sodium hyaluronate)	Avian (rooster combs)
Trivisc (sodium hyaluronate)	Bacterial fermentation
Visco-3 (sodium hyaluronate)	Avian (chicken combs)

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