

November 1, 2016

Dear Billing/Office Manager,

As part of our commitment to providing members with high-quality, affordable care, Moda has selected Gel-One as the exclusively preferred hyaluronic acid product for viscosupplementation injections. Members receiving hyaluronic acid injections will be limited to the preferred product, Gel-One. Members currently receiving hyaluronic acid injections with a non-preferred product may complete their current course of therapy.

**Effective January 1, 2017**, MagellanRX will review prior authorization requests for all fully insured group and individual members, and select ASO groups for hyaluronic acid injections which include the hyaluronic acid products listed below. Hyaluronic acid injections provided to all other members will be reviewed by Moda Health.

Brand name	Generic name	HCPCS code
Euflexxa	Hyaluronic Acids or Derivatives	J7323
Gel-One	Hyaluronic Acids or Derivatives	J7326
Gel-Syn	Hyaluronic Acids or Derivatives	J7328
Gen-Visc 850	Hyaluronic Acids or Derivatives	Q9980
Hyalgan	Hyaluronic Acids or Derivatives	J7321
Hymovis	Hyaluronic Acids or Derivatives	C9471 or J3490
Monovisc	Hyaluronic Acids or Derivatives	7327
Orthovisc	Hyaluronic Acids or Derivatives	J7324
Supartz	Hyaluronic Acids or Derivatives	J7321
Synvisc	Hyaluronic Acids or Derivatives	J7325
Synvisc-One	Hyaluronic Acids or Derivatives	J7325

If there is clinical documentation that Gel-One is ineffective, not tolerated or contraindicated, an alternate hyaluronic acid product may be considered. (Trial and failure of Gel-One is required by the plan prior to use of other hyaluronic acid injections, unless medical necessity is established).

Hyaluronic acids are considered not medically necessary during the immediate post-operative period after knee surgery. Medical studies have concluded that additional studies are necessary to support the use of post-arthroscopy hyaluronic acid injections.

Moda Health considers viscosupplementation experimental and investigational for all other indications such as chondromalacia patellae, facet joint arthropathy, osteochondritis dissecans, or patellofemoral arthritis, patellofemoral syndrome (patellar knee pain), plantar nerve entrapment syndrome, or for use in joints other than the knee (e.g., ankle, carpo-metacarpal joint, elbow, hip, metatarso-phalangeal joint,

shoulder, and temporomandibular joint) because the effectiveness of viscosupplementation for these indications has not been established.

Completing prior authorization requests through Magellan Rx will help expedite claims processing and doesn't require you to submit medical records. If you don't obtain a prior authorization, your claims may be delayed or denied until we receive the information needed to establish medical necessity.

**Get started today!**

To begin requesting prior authorizations through the Magellan Rx self-service portal, visit [ih.magellanrx.com/](http://ih.magellanrx.com/) and select "New Access Request-Provider" on the right side of the home page.

To learn more about our hyaluronic acid injection medical necessity requirements, please check out our medical necessity criteria page by visiting [www.modahealth.com/medical/medical\\_criteria.shtml](http://www.modahealth.com/medical/medical_criteria.shtml).

We appreciate your support in assuring our members receive quality care. If you have any questions, please call our Customer Service team toll-free at 877-605-3229.

Sincerely,

Moda Health Provider Relations