



**BlueCross
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Federal Employee Program.

**HYALURONIC ACID AGENTS
PRIOR APPROVAL REQUEST**

Send completed form to:
Blue Shield of California
Fax: 1-855-895-3504

Additional information is required to process your claim for prescription drugs. Please complete the cardholder portion, and have the prescribing physician complete the physician portion and submit this completed form. All incomplete and illegible forms will be returned to the patient.

CARDHOLDER COMPLETES

Date: ___/___/___

Patient Name: _____
 First MI Last

Patient Address: _____
 Street City State Zip

Patient Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Sex: M ___ F ___

R _____
Cardholder Identification Number

PHYSICIAN COMPLETES

Please select drug:

- Gel-One***
 Hyalgan*
 Supartz*
 Euflexxa
 GelSyn-3
 Durolane
 Visco-3
 Monovisc
 Orthovisc
 Synvisc
 Synvisc-One
 Hymovis
 GenVisc 850

* Gel-One, GelSyn-3, Hyalgan, and Supartz are preferred/participating products. Please consider prescribing a preferred/participating product.
Non-participating products require additional information to be provided (Question 3 below)

NOTE: Form must be completed in its entirety for processing

1) What is the patient’s diagnosis?

- Osteoarthritis (OA, DJD): Location: Left knee only
 Right knee only
 Both knees
 Other form or location of arthritis: _____
 Other Diagnosis (please specify): _____

2) Is this the INITIATION or CONTINUATION of therapy?

INITIATION

a. Has the patient failed to achieve an adequate response to two or more of the following:

Cardiovascular (aerobic) activity, such as walking, biking, stationary bike, aquatic activity <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Resistance exercise <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Weight reduction <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Thermal agents <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Wearing of medically directed patellar taping <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Wearing of wedged insoles <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Participation in self-management programs <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Walking aids <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Physical therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Occupational therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Other failed therapy (please specify): _____		

b. Has the patient failed to achieve an adequate response to **TWO** or more of the following analgesics:

Acetaminophen (Tylenol), oral NSAIDs (e.g. ibuprofen, naproxen, etc.), topical NSAIDs? Yes No

If Yes, please specify failed prior analgesics: _____

Patient has a contraindication or intolerance to the above analgesics

c. Has the patient had an inadequate response, intolerance, or contraindication to intra-articular steroid injections (such as betamethasone, methylprednisolone, triamcinolone) in which the efficacy lasted less than 8 weeks? Yes No

d. Is there radiologic confirmation of Kellgren-Lawrence score of grade 2 or greater? Yes No

CONTINUATION

a. Is there documented improvement in pain with the previous course of treatment? Yes No

b. Has at least 12 months elapsed since the last injection of the prior treatment cycle? Yes No

c. Has there been a documented reduction of dosing of NSAIDs or other analgesics during the 12 month period following the last injection of the prior treatment cycle? Yes No

3) If requested drug is Durolane, Euflexxa, Gel-Syn, Gen Visc, Hymovis, Monovisc, Orthovisc, Synvisc/Synvisc-One or Visco-3:

Please indicate **all** of the following drugs the patient has tried and failed:

- Gel-One GelSyn-3 Hyalgan Supartz The patient has not tried and failed Gel-One, GelSyn-3, Hyalgan, and/or Supartz

Prescriber Certification: I certify all information provided on this form to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that the insurer may request a medical record if the information provided herein is not sufficient to make a benefit determination or requires clarification and I agree to provide any such information to the insurer.

_____	(_____)	_____	(_____)	_____
Physician Name (Print Clearly)		Phone		Fax
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Street Address		City	State	Zip
_____	_____	_____	_____ / _____	_____ / _____
Prescriber's NPI		Physician Signature		Date