PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT **Georgia Medicaid**	
DRUG NAME	GenVisc 850 (sodium hyaluronate)
BILLING CODE	J7320
BENEFIT TYPE	Medical
SITE OF SERVICE ALLOWED	Office/Outpatient Hospital
COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS	Prior Authorization Required (Non-Preferred Product) Alternative preferred products include Gel-One, SupartzFX, Gelsyn-3 QUANTITY LIMIT— 5 injections (125 units) - 25 billing units per injection
LIST OF DIAGNOSES CONSIDERED **NOT** MEDICALLY NECESSARY	Click Here

GenVisc 850 (sodium hyaluronate) is a **non-preferred** product and will only be considered for coverage under the **medical** benefit when the following criteria are met:

Members must be clinically diagnosed with one of the following disease states and meet their individual criteria as stated.

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For **initial** authorization:

1. Member must be 40 years old or older; AND
2. Member must have a diagnosis of osteoarthritis confirmed by radiological evidence (e.g. Kellgren-Lawrence Scale score of grade 2 or greater); AND
3. Medication must be prescribed by an orthopedic surgeon, interventional pain physicians, rheumatologists, physiatrists (PM&R) and all sports medicine subspecialties; AND
4. Member tried and failed an intra-articular corticosteroid injection(s) in which efficacy was < 4 weeks duration; AND
5. Documentation that member tried and failed ALL of the following:
   a) Weight loss attempts or attempts at lifestyle modifications to promote weight loss (only for members with BMI ≥30); AND
   b) Sufficient trial (e.g. 2 to 3 months) of non-pharmacologic therapies (bracing/orthotics, physical/occupational therapy); AND
   c) At least 3 simple analgesic therapies (acetaminophen, NSAIDs, oral or topical salicylates); AND
6. Member is not using medication for hip or shoulder related conditions; AND
7. Member has tried and failed to respond to treatment with Supartz FX or Gel-One or Gelsyn-3 (documented in chart notes and confirmed by claims history).
8. **Dosage allowed:** Inject 25 mg (2.5 mL) once weekly for 5 weeks (total of 5 injections); some patients may benefit from a total of 3 injections.

If member meets all the requirements listed above, the medication will be approved for 6 months.

For **reauthorization**:

1. Member must have documented significant pain relief that was achieved with the initial course of treatment; AND
2. Initial course of treatment has been completed for 6 months or longer; AND
3. Member meets all of the criteria for the initial approval.

If member meets all the reauthorization requirements above, the medication will be approved for

an additional 6 months.

CareSource considers GenVisc 850 (sodium hyaluronate) not medically necessary for the treatment of the following disease states based on a lack of robust clinical controlled trials showing superior efficacy compared to currently available treatments:

- Refractory interstitial cystitis
- Arthropathy – Disorder of shoulder
- Intravitreal tamponade
- Keratoconjunctivitis sicca
- Subacromial impingement, Syndrome of the shoulder

DATE	ACTION/DESCRIPTION
05/23/2017	New policy for GenVisc 850 created. Minimum age and BMI requirements changed. Limits of additional courses of treatment changed. Trial of Supartz FX or Gel-One added.
08/04/2017	Trial of Gelsyn-3 added as additional option to the other preferred products.

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