

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-901.03

To: Nebraska Medicaid Managed Care Plans
From: Drew Gonshorowski, Director *DG*
Date: September 12, 2025
Re: Discontinuation of Medicaid Coverage for Hyaluronan Intra-Articular Injections

This health plan advisory is being issued to notify Heritage Health managed care plans of the discontinuation of Medicaid coverage for hyaluronan intra-articular injections for the treatment of symptomatic knee osteoarthritis, **effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2026.**

There is a lack of robust evidence demonstrating clinically relevant benefit and these products are considered not medically necessary. Products that will not be covered by Nebraska Medicaid in the pharmacy or medical benefit include, but are not limited to, the following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes:

HCPCS code	Product Name
J7318	Durolane
J7320	Genvisc 850
J7321	Hyalgan/Visco-3/Supartz FX
J7322	Hymovis
J7323	Euflexxa
J7324	Orthovisc
J7325	Synvisc & Synvisc-one
J7326	Gel-One
J7327	Monovisc
J7328	Gelsyn-3
J7329	TriVisc
J7331	Synjoynt
J7332	Triluron

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