Gel-One® Cross-Linked Hyaluronate Coding Reference Guide

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Gel-One Hyaluronate is an injectable hyaluronate gel approved for the treatment of osteoarthritis (OA) of the knee that does not respond to other conservative treatments. It is the first low-volume viscosupplement available in a single-injection formula.

Unlike other viscosupplement treatments, highly purified Gel-One Hyaluronate requires only 3mL for safe, effective and complete treatment with no reports of pseudosepsis (severe acute inflammatory responses) in the pre-market clinical study.

HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System)	
Code	**Description**
J7326	Hyaluronan or derivative, Gel-One, for intra-articular injection, per dose

CPT® (Current Procedural Terminology) Codes	
Code	**Description**
20610	Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/or injection, major joint or bursa (eg, shoulder, hip, knee, subacromial bursa); without ultrasound guidance
20611	Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/or injection, major joint or bursa (eg, shoulder, hip, knee, subacromial bursa); with ultrasound guidance, with permanent recording and reporting

CPT and HCPCS Modifiers	
Modifier	**Description**
LT	Left side (used to identify procedures performed on the left side of the body)
RT	Right side (used to identify procedures performed on the right side of the body)
50	Bilateral Procedure
59	Distinct Procedural Service (indicates that a procedure or service was distinct or independent from other non-E/M services performed on the same day)

Sample ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	
Code	**Description**
M17.0	Bilateral primary osteoarthritis of knee
M17.10	Unilateral primary osteoarthritis, unspecified knee
M17.11	Unilateral primary osteoarthritis, right knee
M17.12	Unilateral primary osteoarthritis, left knee
M17.2	Bilateral post-traumatic osteoarthritis of knee
M17.30	Unilateral post-traumatic osteoarthritis, unspecified knee
M17.31	Unilateral post-traumatic osteoarthritis, right knee
M17.32	Unilateral post-traumatic osteoarthritis, left knee
M17.4	Other bilateral secondary osteoarthritis of knee
M17.5	Other unilateral secondary osteoarthritis of knee
M17.9	Osteoarthritis of the knee, unspecified

UPC/NDC (Universal Product Code/National Drug Code)	
Code	**Description**
87541-0300-91	Gel-One Hyaluronate 3.0 ml

Coding and Billing for Gel-One Cross-Linked Hyaluronate

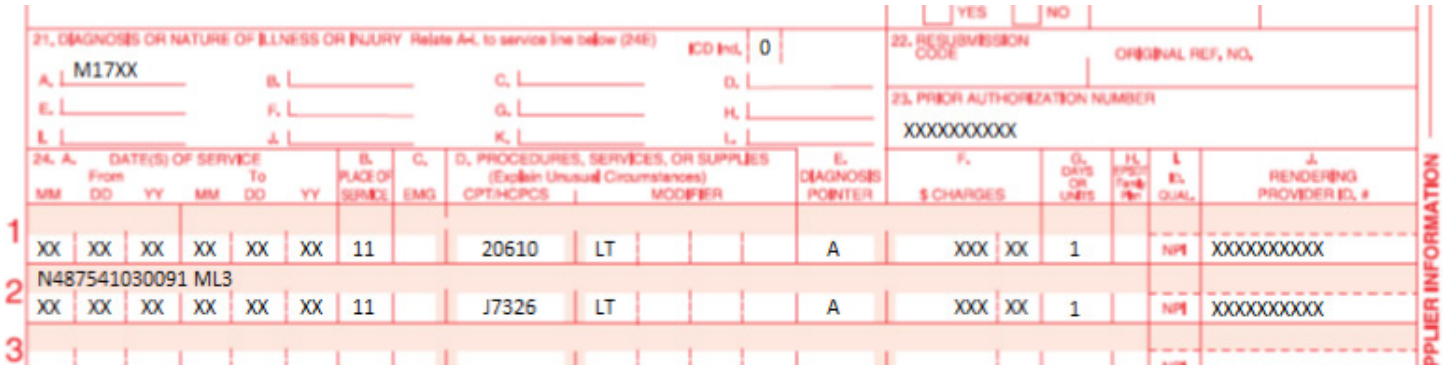
- Prior authorization/pre-determination is suggested prior to administration of Gel-One Cross-Linked Hyaluronate. The payer will want to review the product indications, dosage, route of administration and medical necessity.

- It is recommended providers bill for Gel-One showing both the J7326 HCPCS code and the NDC as reflected on the sample CMS-1500 claim form below. The following qualifiers are to be used when entering supplemental information for the billing of Gel-One.

  N4 National Drug Codes (NDC)
  ML Milliliter

  To enter supplemental information, begin at 24A on the CMS-1500 claim form by entering the qualifier and then the information. Do not enter a space between the qualifier and the number/code/information. Do not enter hyphens or spaces within the number/code. Add the supplemental information in the following order: qualifier, NDC code, one space, unit/basis of measurement qualifier, quantity. The number of digits for the quantity is limited to eight digits before the decimal and three digits after the decimal. If entering a whole number, do not use a decimal. Do not use commas.

Sample CMS-1500 Claim Form



Field 21: Enter the ICD-10-CM diagnosis code(s)
Field 23: Enter the payer prior authorization number received during the benefit investigation
Field 24A: Enter the product supplemental information (qualifier, NDC, measurement qualifier, quantity) along with the date of service
Field 24D: Enter the CPT/HCPCS code(s) for the services/products provided and any appropriate modifiers
Field 24E: Enter the diagnosis code reference letter (pointer) from field 21 to relate the date of service and the procedures performed to the primary diagnosis.
Field 24F: Enter the charge amount for each listed service.
Field 24G: Enter the number of days or units.

Hospital Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC)				
CPT® Code	**Description**	**Ambulatory Payment Classification**	**OPPS Status Indicator**	**ASC Payment Indicator**
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20611	Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/or injection, major joint or bursa (eg, shoulder, hip, knee, subacromial bursa); with ultrasound guidance, with permanent recording and reporting	5441	T	P3
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OPPS - Medicare's Outpatient Prospective Payment System.
APC: 1417 – Gel-One; 5441 - Level 1 Nerve Injections
Status Indicators: K - Nonpass-Through Drugs and Nonimplantable Biologicals, Including Therapeutic Radiopharmaceuticals.
Paid under OPPS; separate APC payment. T – Multiple procedure reduction applies.
Payment Indicators: K2 - Drugs and biologicals paid separately when provided integral to a surgical procedure on ASC list; payment based on OPPS rate. P3 – Payment based on Medicare's Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) non-facility Practice Expense (PE) Relative Value Units (RVUs).

Medicare Guidance for Injection Services

Where the sole purpose of an office visit was for the patient to receive an injection, payment may be made only for the injection service (if it is covered). Conversely, injection services included in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) are not paid for separately if the physician is paid for any other physician fee schedule service furnished at the same time. Payment may be made for those injection services only if no other physician fee schedule service is being paid. All injection claims must include the specific name of the drug and dosage. Identification of the drug enables payment for the services.

Source: Medicare Claims Processing Manual, 20.5.7 – Injection Services

For further assistance with coding and reimbursement questions, contact the Zimmer Biomet Reimbursement Hotline at 866-946-0444 or reimbursement@zimmerbiomet.com, or visit our reimbursement website at zimmerbiomet.com/reimbursement

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