

BULLETIN NUMBER: 17-2019
TITLE: ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY
DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2018

PURPOSE:

BACKGROUND:

INTERPRETATION:

OFF-ISLAND REFERRAL

- Orthopedic surgery concerned with conditions involving musculoskeletal system is covered under the plan. The plan covers 80% of covered charges subject to OOP max and pre-approval.
- Types of orthopedic covered includes but not limited to total knee replacement (TKR), total hip replacement (THR), hand surgery, shoulder and elbow surgery, total joint reconstruction, skull reconstruction, foot and ankle surgery, orthopedic trauma, repair of ankle fracture, repair of rotator cuff tendon, carpal tunnel release, and removal of support implant.

Exclusions: Foot orthotics, orthopedic shoes or footwear or support items used for illness affecting the lower limbs, such as diabetes are excluded under the Plan.

Surgical treatment of flat feet; subluxation of the foot; weak, strained, unstable feet, tarsalgia, metatarsalgia, hyperkeratosis are not covered under the Plan.

LOCAL INPATIENT

- Orthopedic surgeries performed locally are covered under Plan at 80% of covered charges subject to OOP max.