

Radiofrequency Ablation of Peripheral Nerves to Treat Chronic Knee Pain

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Disclaimer

Highmark Health Options medical policy is intended to serve only as a general reference resource regarding coverage for the services described. This policy does not constitute medical advice and is not intended to govern or otherwise influence medical decisions.

POLICY STATEMENT

Highmark Health Options does not provide coverage under medical surgical benefits of the Company's Medicaid products for radiofrequency ablation of peripheral nerves to treat chronic knee pain.

Refer to noncovered services and procedures policy for more information.

DEFINITIONS

Highmark Health Options (HHO) – Managed care organization serving vulnerable populations that have complex needs and qualify for Medicaid. Highmark Health Options members include individuals and families with low income, expecting mothers, children, and people with disabilities. Members pay nothing to very little for their health coverage. Highmark Health Options currently services Delaware Medicaid: Delaware Healthy Children Program (DHCP) and Diamond State Health Plan Plus members.

Nerve Radiofrequency Ablation (RFA) – Minimally invasive method that involves use of heat and coagulation necrosis to destroy tissue.

POLICY UPDATE HISTORY

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