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**Total Knee Arthroplasty (TKA) and Total Hip Arthroplasty (THA) Ambulatory Level of Care**

**MP9550**

**Covered Service:** Yes

**Prior Authorization Required:** Total Knee Arthroplasty and Total Hip Arthroplasty require prior authorization by [Magellan Health Musculoskeletal \(MSK\) Care Management Program](#) when performed in an Inpatient setting. Prior Authorization is required for Inpatient level of care.

**Additional Information:** Unilateral total knee arthroplasty - CPT Code 27447  
Total hip arthroplasty – CPT Code 27130

**Medicare Policy:** Prior authorization is dependent on the member's Medicare coverage. Prior authorization is not required for Dean Care Gold and Select when this service is provided by participating providers. If a member has Medicare primary and Dean Health Plan as secondary coverage, a prior authorization is required.

**BadgerCare Plus Policy:** Dean Health Plan covers when BadgerCare Plus also covers the benefit.

**Dean Health Plan Medical Policy:**

- 1.0 Inpatient level of care for a Total Knee Arthroplasty (TKA) hospitalization or a Total Hip Arthroplasty (THA) may be appropriate if **ANY** of the following criteria are met:
  - 1.1 Member is 70 years of age or older; **OR**
  - 1.2 Body Mass Index (BMI) is 40 or greater; **OR**
  - 1.3 The member will travel over 2 hours to the surgical facility; **OR**
  - 1.4 The member lives alone with no caregiver available after surgery; **OR**
  - 1.5 The member currently uses a walker or wheelchair for household mobility; **OR**
  - 1.6 The member has a history of anesthesia complications (documented in record); **OR**
  - 1.7 Serious comorbid illness is present including **ANY** of the following:
    - 1.7.1 Coronary artery disease with cardiopulmonary event **in last year**, e.g. Acute MI, Stent placement, Acute CHF, **OR** in active treatment. Member may be taking regularly scheduled medications such as anticoagulants, cardiac rhythm- or rate-reducing medication; **OR**
    - 1.7.2 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in active treatment, e.g. on regularly scheduled medications and/or inhalers; **OR**

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- 1.7.3 Obstructive sleep apnea in active treatment, e.g. regular use of CPAP, Bipap, or oral device; **OR**
- 1.7.4 Renal insufficiency (e.g. GFR < 60) per most recent lab testing; **OR**
- 1.7.5 Chronic opioid use on regularly scheduled opioid medication or member with history of pain management problems; **OR**
- 1.7.6 Poorly controlled diabetes with most recent A1c > 7.5%; **OR**
- 1.7.7 Heart failure cardiac event in the last year **OR** in active treatment- e.g. member is taking diuretic medications; **OR**
- 1.7.8 Venous thromboembolism if on chronic anticoagulants that require post-surgical restart, e.g. Coumadin, Eliquis, Lovenox, heparin, Xarelto, Arixtra, Pradaxa; **OR**
- 1.7.9 Cardiac arrhythmia in active treatment, e.g. member is taking rhythm- or rate-reducing medication or is on chronic anticoagulation; **OR**
- 1.7.10 Bleeding disorder if on chronic anticoagulation requiring post-surgical restart e.g. Coumadin, Eliquis, Lovenox, heparin, Xarelto, Arixtra, Pradaxa; **OR**
- 1.7.11 Cerebrovascular accident (CVA) (diagnosis is documented); **OR**
- 1.7.12 Dementia (diagnosis is documented) or cognitive impairment.

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