

## JRF ORTHO – INSURANCE ASSISTANCE DOCUMENT

### Summary of medical criteria for OCAs

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (DC, MD, VA)

Policy Title: Osteochondral Autografts and Allografts in the Treatment of Focal Articular Cartilage Lesions

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	Criteria for medical necessity
Medical Evaluation	NR
Cartilage defect size	NR
Cartilage defect characterization	Large full-thickness chondral defects of the knee
Cause of defect	NR
Lesion (defect) and surrounding cartilage	NR
Patient demographic	NR
Patient condition	NR
Prior treatment	NR
Joint health	NR
Knee stability	NR
Patient compliance	NR
OCA for other joints	Osteochondral allografting or autografting for all other joints, including, but not limited to, patellar and talar, is considered experimental / investigational