

## MUMFORD PROCEDURE

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### Description

The acromioclavicular joint is a potential source of pain in the shoulder caused by a variety of disorders that can affect this joint, including distal clavicle osteolysis, posttraumatic arthritis, osteoarthritis, and rheumatoid arthritis. When conservative treatment for this condition with non-steroidal medication and activity modification does not alleviate the pain surgical resection of the distal clavicle (Mumford) is often necessary. This service can be done by either an open procedure or by an arthroscopic procedure.

### COMMERCIAL PLAN POLICY AND CHIP (CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM)

Select Health **will reimburse for a distal clavicle resection (open or arthroscopic) when the documentation in the patient records indicates that the entire distal clavicle (1 cm or more) was removed and must be documented.**

Select Health **will not reimburse if documentation shows less than 1 cm removed or that the surgeon only shaved off bone spurs or boney outgrowths at the acromioclavicular joint.**

### SELECT HEALTH ADVANTAGE (MEDICARE/CMS)

Select Health Advantage **will follow the commercial plan policy.**

### SELECT HEALTH COMMUNITY CARE (MEDICAID)

Select Health Community Care **will follow the commercial plan policy.**

### Applicable Codes

CPT	Description
23120	Claviculectomy; partial
29824	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; distal claviculectomy including distal articular surface (Mumford procedure)

### Sources

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