

## SHOULDER DEBRIDEMENT

Policy # 72

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1. Policies are subject to change without notice.
2. Policies outline coverage determinations for SelectHealth Commercial, SelectHealth Advantage (Medicare), and SelectHealth Community Care (Medicaid) plans. Refer to the “Policy” section for more information.

### Description

The global package for surgical procedures includes debridement, done on (or in), the same anatomical structure during the same surgical session. For coding purposes, the shoulder is considered one anatomical structure.

In 2017, CMS determined that extensive debridement (29823) done with an arthroscopic claviclectomy (29824), a rotator cuff repair (29827), or biceps tenodesis (29828), may be allowed if the documentation supports the debridement was extensive and done in a different area of the shoulder.

Limited debridement (29822) remains included in the global surgical package and is not separately payable even if done on a different area of the shoulder or through a separate incision. The only exception would be a limited debridement done on the opposite shoulder.

### Commercial Plan Policy

SelectHealth **will NOT separately reimburse for limited arthroscopic debridement (29822) when done on the same shoulder as another arthroscopic shoulder procedure (29805–29824, 29827–29828).**

**CPT code 29822 can be billed as the primary procedure when performed with add-on CPT code 29826.**

**\*\*On appeal, extensive arthroscopic debridement (29823) will be allowed with CPT code 29824, 29827, or 29828, if the documentation supports the debridement was extensive and performed in a different area of the shoulder.**

### SelectHealth Advantage (Medicare/CMS)

SelectHealth Advantage **will follow the commercial plan policy.**

### SelectHealth Community Care (Medicaid)

SelectHealth Community Care **will follow the commercial plan policy.**

### Billing/Coding Information

#### CPT CODES

29822	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; debridement, limited
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<b>29823</b>	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; debridement, extensive
<b>29824</b>	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; distal claviclectomy including distal articular surface (Mumford procedure)
<b>29827</b>	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; with rotator cuff repair
<b>29828</b>	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; biceps tenodesis

## **HCPCS CODES**

No specific codes identified

### **Key References**

1. American Medical Association (2017) *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®)*
2. CMS. *National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI)*, Chapter I, Section B, General Coding Principles. Revision January 2017. Retrieved from <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/index.html?redirect=/nationalcorrectcodinited/>
3. CMS. *National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI)*, Chapter IV, Surgery: musculoskeletal system, CPT codes 20000-29999 (Revised January 1, 2017) Section E 4-7. Retrieved from <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/index.html?redirect=/nationalcorrectcodinited/>

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