Harvard Pilgrim Health Care | TUFTS Health Plan

Medical Necessity Guidelines:

Reconstructive Eye Procedures

Effective: July 1, 2024

Prior Authorization Required If REQUIRED, submit supporting clinical documentation pertinent to service request to the FAX numbers below	Yes ☒ No ☐
Notification Required IF REQUIRED, concurrent review may apply	Yes ☐ No ☒

Applies to:

Commercial Products

☐ Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Commercial products; 800-232-0816

☐ Tufts Health Plan Commercial products; 617-972-9409

CareLink℠ – Refer to CareLink Procedures, Services and Items Requiring Prior Authorization

Public Plans Products

☐ Tufts Health Direct – A Massachusetts Qualified Health Plan (QHP) (a commercial product); 888-415-9055

☐ Tufts Health Together – MassHealth MCO Plan and Accountable Care Partnership Plans; 888-415-9055

☐ Tufts Health RITogether – A Rhode Island Medicaid Plan; 857-304-6404

☐ Tufts Health One Care – A dual-eligible product; 857-304-6304

Senior Products

☒ Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Stride Medicare Advantage; 888-609-0692

☐ Tufts Health Plan Senior Care Options (SCO), (a dual-eligible product); 617-673-0965

☐ Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO, (a Medicare Advantage product); 617-673-0965

☐ Tufts Medicare Preferred PPO, (a Medicare Advantage product); 617-673-0965

Note: While you may not be the provider responsible for obtaining prior authorization or notifying Point32Health, as a condition of payment you will need to ensure that any necessary prior authorization has been obtained and/or Point32Health has received proper notification. If notification is required, providers may additionally be required to provide updated clinical information to qualify for continued service.

Clinical Guideline Coverage Criteria

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care uses guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for coverage determinations for its Medicare Advantage plan members. CMS National Coverage Determinations (NCDs), Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs), Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) and documentation included in the Medicare manuals are the basis for coverage determinations where available. For Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Medicare Advantage plan members, the following criteria is used: LCD - Blepharoplasty, Blepharoptosis and Brow Lift (L34528) (cms.gov) and Article - Billing and Coding: Blepharoplasty, Blepharoptosis and Brow Lift (A56908) (cms.gov)

Codes

The following code(s) require prior authorization:

Table 1: CPT/HCPCS Codes

Code	Description
15820	Blepharoplasty, lower eyelid
15821	Blepharoplasty, lower eyelid; with extensive herniated fat pad
15822	Blepharoplasty, upper eyelid

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15823	Blepharoplasty, upper eyelid; with excessive skin weighting down lid.
67900	Repair of brow ptosis (supraciliary, mid-forehead, or coronal approach
67901	Repair of blepharoptosis; frontalis muscle technique with suture or other material (e.g., banked fascia)
67902	Repair of blepharoptosis; frontalis muscle technique with autologous fascial sling (includes obtaining fascia
67903	Repair of blepharoptosis; (tarso) levator resection or advancement, internal approach
67904	Repair of blepharoptosis; (tarso) levator resection or advancement, external approach
67906	Repair of blepharoptosis; superior rectus technique with fascial sling (includes obtaining fascia)
67908	Repair of blepharoptosis; conjunctivo-tarso-Muller's muscle levator resection (e.g., Fasanella-Servat type
67909	Reduction of overcorrection of ptosis
67911	Correction of lid retraction
67912	Correction of lagophthalmos, with implantation of upper eyelid lid load (e.g., gold weight)
67916	Repair of ectropion; excision tarsal wedge
67917	Repair of ectropion; extensive (e.g., tarsal strip operations)
67923	Repair of entropion; excision tarsal wedge
67924	Repair of entropion; extensive (e.g., tarsal strip or capsulopalpebral fascia repairs)
67950	Canthoplasty (reconstruction of canthus)
67961	Excision and repair of eyelid, involving lid margin, tarsus, conjunctiva, canthus, or full thickness, may include preparation for skin graft or pedicle flap with adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement; up to one-fourth of lid margin

Approval And Revision History

June 2020: Reviewed by the Medical Policy Clinical Committee (MPCC), MNG updated to refer to existing Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services National Coverage Determinations/Local Coverage Determinations, for criteria

Subsequent endorsement date(s) and changes made:

- March 2021: Reviewed by the Medical Policy Approval Committee (MPAC), renewed without changes
- March 16, 2022: Reviewed by MPAC, renewed without changes
- November 16, 2023: Reviewed by MPAC, template updated, updated criteria, effective January 1, 2024
- December 1, 2023: reviewed and approved by UM Committee effective January 1, 2024
- June 13, 2024: Reviewed by the UM Committee, updated Blepharoplasty LCD and Article links, effective July 1, 2024
- June 20, 2024: Reviewed by MPAC, updated Blepharoplasty LCD and Article links, effective July 1, 2024

Background, Product and Disclaimer Information

Medical Necessity Guidelines are developed to determine coverage for benefits and are published to provide a better understanding of the basis upon which coverage decisions are made. We make coverage decisions using these guidelines, along with the Member's benefit document, and in coordination with the Member's physician(s) on a case-by-case basis considering the individual Member's health care needs.

Medical Necessity Guidelines are developed for selected therapeutic or diagnostic services found to be safe and proven effective in a limited, defined population of patients or clinical circumstances. They include concise clinical coverage criteria based on current literature review, consultation with practicing physicians in our service area who are medical experts in the particular field, FDA and other government agency policies, and standards adopted by national accreditation organizations. We revise and update Medical Necessity Guidelines annually, or more frequently if new evidence becomes available that suggests needed revisions.

For self-insured plans, coverage may vary depending on the terms of the benefit document. If a discrepancy exists between a Medical Necessity Guideline and a self-insured Member's benefit document, the provisions of the benefit document will govern. For Tufts Health Together (Medicaid), coverage may be available beyond these guidelines for pediatric members under age 21 under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefits of the plan in accordance with 130 CMR 450.140 and 130 CMR 447.000, and with prior authorization.

Treating providers are solely responsible for the medical advice and treatment of Members. The use of this guideline is not

a guarantee of payment or a final prediction of how specific claim(s) will be adjudicated. Claims payment is subject to eligibility and benefits on the date of service, coordination of benefits, referral/authorization, utilization management guidelines when applicable, and adherence to plan policies, plan procedures, and claims editing logic.