

MEDICATION COVERAGE POLICY

PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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This policy has been developed through review of medical literature, consideration of medical necessity, generally accepted medical practice standards, and approved by the HPSJ Pharmacy and Therapeutic Advisory Committee.

Effective 1/1/2022, the Pharmacy Benefit is regulated by Medi-Cal Rx. Please visit <https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home/> for portal access, formulary details, pharmacy network information, and updates to the pharmacy benefit. All medical claims require that an NDC is also submitted with the claim. If a physician administered medication has a specific assigned CPT code, that code must be billed with the correlating NDC. If there is not a specific CPT code available for a physician administered medication, the use of unclassified CPT codes is appropriate when billed with the correlating NDC.

OVERVIEW

Per Title XIX, Social Security Act, Section 1927(d)(2), agents when used for cosmetic purposes or hair growth are specifically excluded from State Plan coverage. A medication is considered to be a “cosmetic agent” when:

- Used for hair growth or hair removal;
- Used for depigmenting or whitening (melasma, acanthosis nigricans);
- Used for photo-aging (wrinkles) or photo-damaged (solar lentigines, age spots);
- Used for stretch marks;

In general, if an agent is intended for beautifying, promoting attractiveness, or altering the appearance, without treating a diagnosed underlying medical condition, this treatment will be considered "cosmetic."

Examples of cosmetic agents include:

- Rogaine
- Propecia
- Latisse
- Vaniqa
- Hydroquinone products
- Tretinoin (when used for wrinkles or scars)
- Topical or Injectable Corticosteroids (when used for hair growth)

Per the Welfare and Institutions Code 14132(d)(2) and the Social Services Emergency Relief and Recovery Act of 2005 (HR 3971), Title II, Section 202, erectile dysfunction agents are also not a covered benefit. Agents considered for use in erectile dysfunction are Viagra, Cialis, and Levitra.

☒ **REFERENCES**

- Social Services Emergency Relief and Recovery Act of 2005 (HR 3971), Title II, Section 202
- Title XIX, Social Security Act, Section 1927(d)(2)
- Welfare and Institutions Code 14132(d)(2)

☒ **REVIEW & EDIT HISTORY**

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| Review of Policy | HPSJ Coverage Policy – Miscellaneous – Cosmetic Agents 2016-02.docx | 2/2016 | Johnathan Yeh, PharmD |
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Note: All changes are approved by the HPSJ P&T Committee before incorporation into the utilization policy