

PA05 Axillary Hyperhidrosis Prior Approval Policy

Pathway	
	Treatment of Axillary Hyperhidrosis.
Commissioned	
	<p>Botox treatment for axillary hyperhidrosis will only be funded when ALL of the following criteria apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Generalised hyperhidrosis has been excluded; 2. Secondary focal hyperhidrosis has been excluded; 3. Excessive sweating occurs on a daily basis irrespective of ambient temperature; 4. Bathing and changes of clothing are required at intervals throughout the day; 5. The condition has a significant social or occupational impact; 6. A month's trial of daily topical therapy with Aluminium Chloride 20%, was either not tolerated, or failed to reduce the severity of symptoms to a tolerable level, which only sometimes interferes with daily activities.
Not Funded	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical treatment of axillary hyperhidrosis is not funded. • Botox treatment for hyperhidrosis of the hands and feet is not funded. These patients can be referred to a dermatologist for a trial of iontophoresis.
Notes	
	Further treatments with Botox will only be funded if the last course produced a demonstrable reduction in sweating and the benefit lasted for at least 6 months.
Rationale	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy based on <i>East midlands commissioning policy for cosmetic procedures 2014 Version 2.0</i> ▪ Surgical treatment, including sympathetic nerve denervation, carries the risk of significant complications including a compensatory increase in the production of sweat in another area of the body. ▪ For further information on the assessment of hyperhidrosis see http://cks.nice.org.uk/hyperhidrosis
Cohort	
	Adults.
Equality	
	Compliant with the Equality Act 2010.
Status	
	RED as defined in the Prior Approval Scheme Policy.
OPCS codes	

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All codes required	
Localized hyperhidrosis	R61.0
Injection of therapeutic substance into skin	S53.2
Torsion dystonias and other involuntary movements drugs Band 1	X85.1
Skin of axilla	Z49.2
Version History	
No material changes from previous version.	
Authorised	
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Review	
April 2024 Earlier if new evidence published by NICE or other authoritative body.	