

## PA44 Scar Revision or Reduction Prior Approval Policy

<b>Pathway</b>	
	Scar Revision or Reduction.
<b>Commissioned</b>	
	Scar revision or reduction will only be funded when one of the following causes <b>results</b> in either significant facial disfigurement or significant functional impairment. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thermal injury</li> <li>2. Surgery</li> <li>3. Trauma</li> <li>4. Dermatological condition</li> </ol>
<b>Not Funded</b>	
	Hypertrophic keloid scars resulting from cosmetic piercings.
<b>Notes</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Please provide evidence of any functional impairment and the impact on daily living.</li> <li>▪ <b>Significant functional impairment</b> means severe restriction in most of the following activities of daily living: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Personal care (dressing, grooming, washing and toileting)</li> <li>b) Functional mobility (required to perform routine activities in the home or at work)</li> <li>c) Meeting nutritional needs (preparing and eating food)</li> </ol> </li> <li>▪ Funding criteria apply irrespective of the method of treatment proposed by the specialist.</li> <li>▪ Photographs may be required and will be arranged by the Prior Approval team.</li> </ul>
<b>Rationale</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Policy based on <i>East midlands commissioning policy for cosmetic procedures 2014 Version 2.0</i></li> <li>▪ Scarring which causes significant facial disfigurement may impact on a person's psychological wellbeing and impair their social interactions.</li> </ul>
<b>Cohort</b>	
	Adults and Children.
<b>Equality</b>	
	Compliant with the Equality Act 2010.
<b>Status</b>	
	RED as defined in the Prior Approval Scheme Policy.
<b>OPCS codes</b>	

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Chemical peeling of lesion of skin of head or neck with L60.5	S10.3
Chemical peeling of lesion of skin NEC with L60.5	S11.3
Dermabrasion of skin of head or neck	S60.1
Dermabrasion of skin NEC	S60.2
Refashioning of scar NEC	S60.4
Excision of scar tissue NOC	Y06.4
<b>Version History</b>	
Definition of significant functional impairment added. Otherwise no material changes from the previous version.	
<b>Authorised</b>	
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<b>Review</b>	
April 2024 Earlier if new evidence published by NICE or other authoritative body.	