

## Eyelid Surgery

For this procedure it has been judged that the intervention is of sufficient value in terms of benefit and outcome when the patient meets the criteria, as outlined below. **Prior approval is required.**

Prior approval is requested via the referring clinician from the Commissioning Support Unit at [southcsu.ifrs@nhs.net](mailto:southcsu.ifrs@nhs.net). All proforma and resources can be found at the CSU's website at [www.fundingrequests.cscsu.nhs.uk/](http://www.fundingrequests.cscsu.nhs.uk/) (then click 'Hampshire').

The specialties listed below are a guide only and patients may be treated under different treatment function codes	Procedure	Guidance notes	The exclusion does not apply in the following circumstances and patients may be treated without prior approval
Ophthalmology	<p>All eyelid surgery including blepharoplasty and chalazia</p> <p><u>Blepharoplasty</u></p>	<p>The procedure is subject to Prior Approval and may be funded if the following conditions apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient complains of interference with vision or visual field related activities such as difficulty reading or driving due to upper eye lid skin drooping, looking through the eyelids or seeing the upper eye lid skin <b>and</b></li> <li>• There is redundant skin overhanging the upper eye lid margin and resting on the eyelashes when gazing straight ahead <b>and</b></li> <li>• A visual field test by the hospital shows that eyelids impinge on visual fields reducing field to either 120° laterally and or by 40° vertically in the relaxed, non-compensated state.</li> </ul> <p>Fields should be assessed with the lid in its normal position and again with the lid taped up in order to demonstrate that it is the droopy lid causing the field defect.</p> <p>All applications should be submitted with a copy of the 120 point Humphrey screening test results.</p>	<p>Exemptions - Upper eyelid blepharoplasty is considered medically necessary for the following indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To repair defects predisposing to corneal or conjunctival irritation such as entropion or pseudotrachiasis.</li> <li>• To treat periorbital sequelae of thyroid disease, nerve palsy, blepharochalasis, floppy eyelid syndrome and chronic inflammatory skin conditions</li> <li>• To relieve symptoms of blepharospasm or significant dermatitis on the upper eyelid caused by redundant tissue.</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Eyelid Dermatochalasis</u></p>	<p>The surgical treatment of Eyelid Dermatochalasis is subject to Prior Approval and may only be funded if the patient has objective demonstration of visual field restriction within 20 degrees of fixation on visual field testing.</p>	

	<u>Eyelid ectropion</u>	<p>The surgical treatment of Eyelid Ectropion is subject to Prior Approval and may only be funded if the following criteria can be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision is impeded <b>or</b></li> <li>• There is exposure of the cornea (e.g. in paralytic Ectropion) and risk of keratopathy (urgent correction required).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children with Ptosis should continue to be referred as normal as the condition may cause Amblyopia. Also any rapid onset Ptosis in adults and children where there is a suspicion of a neurological problem such as Horner's Syndrome should not wait for a visual field test.</li> <li>• Eyelid entropion procedures</li> <li>• Patients coded with a cancer diagnosis</li> <li>• Where there is a valid suspicion of malignancy, e.g. has been referred via the two-week wait referral form</li> </ul>
	<u>Eyelid Ptosis</u>	<p>The surgical treatment of Eyelid Ptosis is subject to Prior Approval and will only be funded if the following criteria can be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient has objective demonstration of visual field restriction within 20 degrees of fixation on visual field testing <b>and/or</b></li> <li>• There is abnormal compensatory head posture <b>and/or</b></li> <li>• There are symptoms related to ptosis e.g. headache, neck ache, back pain. Please confirm the nature of the symptoms when requesting Prior Approval.</li> </ul>	
	<u>Chalazia (Meibomian cysts)</u>	<p>Prior approval will be considered under the following conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The chalazia has been present for more than 6 months</li> <li>• Where it is situated subcutaneously in the upper or lower eyelid</li> <li>• Where it is causing impairment of vision</li> </ul>	