

# Regence

Medical Policy Manual

Surgery, Policy No. 12.04

## ***Dermabrasion or Microdermabrasion***

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### **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Medical Policies are developed to provide guidance for members and providers regarding coverage in accordance with contract terms. Benefit determinations are based in all cases on the applicable contract language. To the extent there may be any conflict between the Medical Policy and contract language, the contract language takes precedence.

PLEASE NOTE: Contracts exclude from coverage, among other things, services or procedures that are considered investigational or cosmetic. Providers may bill members for services or procedures that are considered investigational or cosmetic. Providers are encouraged to inform members before rendering such services that the members are likely to be financially responsible for the cost of these services.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Dermabrasion uses a rapidly moving brush to remove skin and activate new skin growth. It is commonly used for the treatment of facial scars and wrinkles.

### **MEDICAL POLICY CRITERIA**

- I. Dermabrasion to treat photoaged skin, wrinkles, or scarring is considered **cosmetic**.
- II. Microdermabrasion for the treatment of any indication is considered **cosmetic**.

### **CROSS REFERENCES**

1. [Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery](#), Surgery, Policy No. 12

### **BACKGROUND**

Microdermabrasion uses small microcrystals to abrade the superficial epidermal layer of the skin; suction is then used to remove any skin debris. Microdermabrasion is often performed by estheticians for facial rejuvenation.

## REFERENCES

None

## CODES

| <b>Codes</b> | <b>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|--------------|---------------|--|
| CPT          | 15780         | Dermabrasion; total face (eg, for acne scarring, fine wrinkling, rhytids, general keratosis) |
|              | 15781         | Dermabrasion; segmental, face  |
|              | 15782         | Dermabrasion; regional, other than face  |
|              | 15783         | Dermabrasion; superficial, any site (eg, tattoo removal)                                     |
|              | 15786         | Abrasion; single lesion (eg, keratosis, scar)  |
|              | 15787         | Abrasion; each additional four lesions or less   |
| HCPCS        | None          |  |

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