



## Clinical Review Criteria Related to Dermal Injections for the Treatment of Facial Lipodystrophy Syndrome

### 1. Criteria for Approval

- A. LDS is often characterized by a loss of fat that results in a facial abnormality such as severely sunken cheeks. The patient's physical appearance may contribute to psychological conditions (e.g., depression) or adversely impact a patient's adherence to antiretroviral regimens (therefore jeopardizing their health), and both of these are important health-related outcomes of interest in this population. Therefore, improving a patient's physical appearance through the use of Dermal Injections could improve these health-related outcomes
- B. Lipodystrophy related to highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) for the treatment of HIV or AIDS resulting in a facial abnormality
- C. The member has a psychological condition such as depression that adversely impacts adherence to antiretroviral regimens
- D. Improving the physical appearance of the member will improve compliance with treatment and improve health-related incomes
- E. Dermal fillers have been approved by the FDA

### 2. What is Not Covered

- A. Dermal fillers that are not approved by the FDA for the treatment of LDS
- B. Dermal fillers that are used for any indication other than LDS in HIV-infected individuals who manifest depression as a result of their antiretroviral HIV treatments.

#### REFERENCES:

NCQA Standard, UM 2, Clinical Criteria for Utilization Management Decisions, Element A

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Dermal Injections for the Treatment of Facial Lipodystrophy Syndrome (LDS) (250.5)  
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