

| <b>SURGERY</b>                                  |   |
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| <b>Procedure/ Condition</b>                     | <b>Criteria</b>   |
| <b>Laser treatment</b>                          | <p>The Commissioner will only fund laser treatment for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extensive and severe telangiectasia</li> <li>• Rare genodermatosis (eg tuberose sclerosis)</li> <li>• Translocation of hair bearing skin during surgery (<b>not</b> for hirsutism)</li> <li>• Intractable and recurrent pilonidal sinus</li> <li>• Tattoo removal where the tattoo is as a result of either (i) trauma inflicted against the will of the patient (eg rape tattoo) Or</li> <li>• (ii) radiotherapy tattoo</li> </ul> |
| <b>Rationale/base evidence</b>                  |   |
| <b>OPCS code(s):</b>                            | <p><b>Tattoo removal: S065 S068 S069 S091 S092</b></p> <p><b>Removal of birthmarks: S038 S039 S041 S042 S043 S048 S049 S051 S052 S053 S054 S055 S058 S059 S061 S062 S063 S064 S065 S068 S069 S081 S082 S083 S088 S089 S091 S092 S093 S098 S099 S101 S102 S103 S104 S018 S109 S111 S112 S113 S114 S118 S119</b></p>  |
| <b>Information to be included with referral</b> | <p>Refer to Dermatology with the following information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details of condition</li> <li>• Evidence of functional problems experienced</li> <li>• Clinical Photographs</li> </ul>  |

| <b>Version No</b> | <b>Date</b>    | <b>Changes</b>   |
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| 1                 | September 2018 | <p>Removal of statement 'Does not require prior approval'</p> <p>Removal of conditions 'port wine stains on the face' and 'congenital pigmented lesions of the face' (duplicated with existing policy)</p> <p>Tattoo removal: removal of requirement to refer with one year.</p> <p>Removal of 'dirt tattoo'</p> |
| N/A               | January 2021   | <p>Policy review due April 2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the rollout of the vaccination programme the policy review date has been extended by six months to October 2021.</p>   |