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PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR

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TO : ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : INCLUSION OF BLEPHAROPLASTY AND PTOSIS SURGERY IN RELATIVE VALUE SCALE 2001

Pursuant to PhilHealth Board Resolution No. 627, s. of 2003, blepharoplasty and ptosis surgery shall be included in RVS 2001 list of compensable procedures provided that they are performed to correct functional or visual impairment due to dermatochalasis, blepharochalasis, blepharoptosis, and pseudoptosis and NOT for cosmetic reasons.

Claims for blepharoplasty/ptosis surgery performed for other causes of functional or visual impairment may also be reimbursed after due evaluation by the Peer Review Committee.

The following are the codes, descriptive terminologies and RVU assigned for these procedures:


| CODE | DESCRIPTIVE TERMS | RVU |
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| 15820 | Blepharoplasty, lower eyelid | 45 |
| 15822 | Blepharoplasty, upper eyelid; | 45 |
| 15823 | With excessive skin weighting down lid | 60 |
| 67900 | Repair of brow ptosis (supraciliary, midforehead or coronal approach) | 95 |
| 67901 | Repair of blepharoptosis; frontalis muscle technique with suture or other material | 100 |
| 67902 | Frontalis muscle technique with fascial sling (includes obtaining fascia) | 120 |
| 67903 | (tarso) levator resection or advancement, internal approach | 100 |
| 67904 | (tarso) levator resection or advancement, external approach | 100 |
| 67906 | Superior rectus technique with fascial sling (includes obtaining fascia) | 100 |
| 67908 | Conjunctivo-tarso-Muller's muscle-levator resection (Fasanella-Servat type) | 75 |

In order to establish the compensability of blepharoplasty and ptosis surgeries, all claims for these procedures must be submitted together with a fully accomplished PhilHealth Claim Form 3 or a copy of Clinical Abstract. The surgeon should document the indication for the surgery through history and physical examination findings. Operating room records should also support the presence of the the indications. Claims with incomplete requirements shall not be processed and shall be returned to hospital for completion.

All other Circulars consistent herewith remain in full force and effect.

This circular will take effect 15 days following publication hereof.

Please be guided accordingly.


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