

New changes ahead for some of Security Health Plan's skin procedures medical policies

Effective Oct.1, the Skin Substitute, Chemical Peels, Dermabrasions, and other Skin Procedures Medical Policy has several changes. First, the prior authorization will be removed from the policy effective Oct. 1. Second, Security Health Plan will only cover the following skin substitutes for small/large employer groups and individual and family plans, Security Administrative Services and Medicaid plans (Medicare Advantage Members will follow NCD and LDC guidelines):

- Alloderm
- Apligraft
- Dermagraft
- Epicord
- Grafix Core
- Grafix Prime

All other skin substitutes will be denied and will not be considered to be medically necessary. Third, covered substitutes identified in the policy will have limitations of 10 applications over 12 weeks per wound, regardless of if the skin substitute(s) used are the same or a combination of different ones. This would not apply for members with a breast cancer or burn diagnosis.