# Clinical Policy: DaxibotulinumtoxinA-lanm (Daxxify)

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**See Important Reminder at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.**

****Please note: This policy is for medical benefit****

**Description**
DaxibotulinumtoxinA-lanm (Daxxify®) is an acetylcholine release inhibitor and neuromuscular blocking agent.

**FDA Approved Indication(s)**

Daxxify is indicated for:
- Temporary improvement in the appearance of moderate to severe glabellar lines associated with corrugator
- The treatment of cervical dystonia (CD) in adult patients

**Policy/Criteria**
*Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.*

It is the policy of Louisiana Healthcare Connections that Daxxify is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

**I. Initial Approval Criteria**

**A. Cervical Dystonia** (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of CD;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist, orthopedist, or physiatrist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Member is experiencing involuntary contractions of the neck and shoulder muscles (e.g., splenius capitis, sternocleidomastoid, levator scapulae, scalene, trapezius, semispinalis capitis) resulting in abnormal postures or movements of the neck, shoulders or head;
5. Contractions are causing pain and functional impairment;
6. Failure of Botox® and Dysport®, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced, or both are contraindicated;
7. Daxxify is not prescribed concurrently with other botulinum toxin products;
8. Botulinum toxin therapy for cosmetic or medical conditions has not been administered within the last 12 weeks;
9. Treatment plan provided detailing number of Units per indication and treatment session;

10. Dose does not exceed 250 Units per treatment session.

**Approval duration:12 months**

**B. Other diagnoses/indications** (must meet 1 or 2)**:**

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to LA.PMN.255;
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to LA.PMN.53.

**II. Continued Therapy**

**A. Cervical Dystonia** (must meet all)**:**

a. 1. Member is currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;

2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. Daxxify is not prescribed concurrently with other botulinum toxin products;
4. Botulinum toxin therapy for cosmetic or medical conditions has not been administered within the last 12 week;
5. Treatment plan provided detailing number of Units per indication and treatment session;
6. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 250 Units per treatment session.

**Approval duration:12 months**

**B. Other diagnoses/indications** (must meet 1 or 2)**:**

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to LA.PMN.255;
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to LA.PMN.53.

**III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:**

**A.** Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies – LA.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents;

**B.** Cosmetic treatment of hyperfunctional wrinkles of the upper face including glabellar frown lines, deep forehead wrinkles and periorbital wrinkles (crow's feet).

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

CD: cervical dystonia

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*
*This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may require prior authorization.*

| Drug Name | Dosing Regimen | Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose |
|---|---|---|
| Dysport® (AbobotulinumtoxinA) | Cervical Dystonia: Divided among affected muscles every 12 weeks: Up to 1,000 Units IM | See dosing regimens for maximum dose<br><br>Frequency: One treatment session every 12 weeks |
| Botox® (OnabotulinumtoxinA) | Cervical Dystonia: Up to 50 Units IM per injection, 100 Units total in the sternocleidomastoid, and 300 Units per treatment session | See dosing regimens for maximum dose<br><br>Frequency: One treatment session every 12 weeks |

*Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.*

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*
- Contraindication(s):
  - Hypersensitivity to any botulinum toxin preparation or any of the components in the formulation
  - Infection at the proposed injection sites
- Boxed warning(s): distant spread of toxin effect

*Appendix D: Botulinum Toxin Product Interchangeability*
- Potency Units of Daxxify are not interchangeable with other botulinum toxin product preparations (e.g., Dysport®, Botox®, Myobloc®, Xeomin®)

*Appendix E: Guideline Support for Botulinum Toxin Use*

| Indication | Guideline |
|---|---|
| Cervical dystonia | Academy of Neurology (2016) |

## V. Dosage and Administration

| Indication | Dosing Regimen | Maximum Dose |
|---|---|---|
| CD | 125 Units to 250 Units IM divided among affected muscles every 12 weeks | 250 Units IM<br><br>Frequency: One treatment session every 12 weeks |

## VI. Product Availability

Vials: 50 Units, 100 Units

## VII. References

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**Coding Implications**
Codes referenced in this clinical policy are for informational purposes only. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

| HCPCS Codes | Description |
|---|---|
| J0589 | Injection, daxibotulinumtoxina-lanm, 1 unit |

| Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals | Date | ~~LDH~~ Approval Date |
|---|---|---|
| Converted corporate to local policy. | 01.04.24 | 05.06.24 |
| Removed HCPCS codes [C9399, J3590] and added HCPCS code [J0589] | 07.25.24 | 09.25.24 |
| Annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated | 01.08.25 | |

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