Endoscopic Dacryocystorhinostomy (DCR) Procedure 2018-005

Endoscopic Dacryocystorhinostomy (DCR) may be indicated when ALL of the following are present:

1. Epiphora (excessive watering of the eye) is present.
2. Epiphora is attributed to nasolacrimal duct obstruction (dacryostenosis or blocked tear duct).
3. If present, dry eye has been medically treated.
4. ONE or more of the following treatments for nasolacrimal duct obstruction were tried:
   - Warm compresses
   - Massage
   - Antibiotics, if infection was present
   - Nasolacrimal duct dilation

SOURCES

4. UpToDate.com: Nasolacrimal duct obstruction (dacryostenosis)
5. Milliman Care Guidelines, 22nd edition:
   - A-0185 AC ACG Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS)
   - SG-HNS GRG Head and Neck Surgery or Procedure

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### CODE REFERENCE

(This may not be a comprehensive list of codes to apply to this policy.)

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### POLICY HISTORY/REVISION INFORMATION

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