

## The Quick Summary

You have baggy eyelids, which is not exactly the same as droopy eyelids. You will have to meet special criteria to have the baggy eyelid surgery covered by insurance. Insurance will only cover surgery on the upper eyelids (it will not cover the lower eyelids).

### Dermatochalasis

Looking at your eyes, Dr. Shalwala thinks that you have baggy eyelids. This happens due to loss of tightness of the skin with time. In other words, skin becomes less elastic with time, which can lead to upper eyelids becoming baggy.

When the upper eyelids become baggy, they can hang over the edge of the eyelid and get in the way of vision. If that happens, it has to be documented with some testing. Once the testing documents it, insurance will pay for surgery to decrease the bagginess because of the fact that it is blocking the vision. The surgery is mainly focused on removing the excess skin to tighten the upper eyelid so that it is less baggy.

Unfortunately for the lower eyelids, they will never block the vision, so insurance will not pay for surgery for lower lid bagginess. Insurance companies consider it a cosmetic problem to have baggy lower eyelids.

Upper eyelid incision line



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