Subject: Reduction Mammoplasty*

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Department(s): Utilization Management

Policy: Reduction mammoplasty (CPT 19318) for females is reimbursable under Plans administered by QualCare, Inc., when it is performed for non-cosmetic reasons.

Objective: To assure proper and consistent reimbursement and to limit coverage of a potentially cosmetic procedure to medically necessary indications.

Procedure: 

A. The requesting provider must submit written and photographic documentation of symptomatic macromastia/gigantomastia (ICD-9 611.1, ICD-10 N62)

B. At least one of the following symptoms or signs must be stated to be present in the written letter of medical necessity:

1. Neck, back or shoulder pain
2. Permanent shoulder grooving caused by bra straps
3. Paraesthesias of hands or arms

C. The requesting provider must state that >350 grams of tissue are expected to be removed from each breast.

D. Reduction mammoplasty shall be authorized as a same-day procedure. Determination of the medical necessity of an overnight stay will be made post-operatively if the surgeon requests it.
E. Reduction mammoplasty for gynecomastia (CPT 19300) is considered cosmetic and will not be authorized.

References:


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*Consistent with Summary Plan Description (SPD). When there is discordance between this policy and the SPD, the provisions of the SPD prevail.