

Clinical Policy: Cosmetic and Reconstructive Procedures

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Coding Implications Revision Log

See <u>Important Reminder</u> at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

Description

This policy will provide general guidelines as to when cosmetic and reconstructive surgery is or is not medically necessary. Not all cosmetic procedures are listed in this policy. The Medical Director has the final decision to deny coverage for services deemed cosmetic in nature and not medically necessary.

Note:

• This policy should only be used if there is no health plan-adopted nationally recognized decision support criteria.

Policy/Criteria

- **I.** It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation[®] that *reconstructive procedures* are considered **medically necessary** when meeting all of the following:
 - A. Intent of the procedure meets one of the following:
 - 1. The procedure is performed to improve the function of an abnormal body part caused by illness, trauma, or a congenital defect after failure of conservative therapy (unless conservative therapy is not standard of care for the condition, or is contraindicated);
 - 2. Skin tag removal when located in an area that affects eyesight or in an area of friction with documentation of repeated irritation and bleeding (refer to Benefit Plan Contract for any coverage restrictions);
 - 3. Scar/keloid revision/removal when accompanied by pain unresponsive to conservative therapy and is recurrently infected, unstable, friable; or with functional impairment;
 - 4. Certain reconstructive procedures may be covered if improving appearance is the only benefit, e.g. post-mastectomy breast reconstruction. These procedures may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Post-mastectomy*, medically necessary lumpectomy, or other medically necessary breast surgery resulting in asymmetry: breast reconstruction, including nipple reconstruction, tattooing and surgery on contralateral breast to restore symmetry;
 - b. Use of FDA-approved facial dermal injections [Poly-L-Lactic acid (Sculptra[™]), calcium hydroxylapatite microspheres (Radiesse[®])] or autologous fat transfers for HIV-associated wasting** when meeting both of the following:
 - i. Diagnosis of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) or AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome);
 - ii. Diagnosis of facial lipodystrophy syndrome (LDS);
 - B. Medical records with photographs are provided, as applicable.

- II. It is the policy of Health Plans affiliated with Centene Corporation that *cosmetic surgery* is **not** medically necessary and generally not a covered benefit when performed to improve a patient's normal appearance and self-esteem. These procedures include, but are not limited to:
 - A. Excision of excessive skin
 - B. Body contouring
 - C. Body lift
 - D. Breast augmentation
 - E. Liposuction, excluding lipoma as directed by clinical decision support criteria
 - F. Surgery to correct unsatisfactory results from previous cosmetic and/or non-covered service
 - G. Revision, removal, or replacement of breast implants previously placed for cosmetic reasons
 - H. Removal of excess skin or body contouring procedures following weight loss or bariatric surgery when removal is solely cosmetic
 - I. Facial augmentation
 - J. Abdominoplasty
 - K. Dermabrasion
 - L. Skin rejuvenation and resurfacing
 - M. Electrolysis, laser hair removal
 - N. Hair transplantation, when not performed to correct permanent hair loss caused by disease or injury
 - O. Tattooing (except when covered for breast reconstruction post-mastectomy)
 - P. Injectable filler
 - Q. Circumcision revisions done only to improve appearance
 - R. Mastopexy (except for breast reconstruction post-mastectomy, medically necessary lumpectomy, or other medically necessary breast surgery resulting in significant asymmetry)
 - S. Correction of inverted nipples
 - T. Repair of diastasis recti
 - U. Breast reconstruction for fibroadenomas or other benign lesions, unless medically necessary per clinical decision support criteria.

Background

Reconstructive surgery is performed on abnormal structures of the body caused by congenital defects, developmental abnormalities, previous or concurrent surgeries, trauma, infection, tumors or disease. It is generally performed to improve the functioning of a body part and may or may not restore a normal appearance.² Functional impairment is a health condition in which the normal function of a part of the body or organ system is less than age appropriate at full capacity, such as decreased range of motion, diminished eyesight or hearing, etc. that variably impacts activities of daily living.³

Cosmetic surgery is performed to reshape normal structures of the body in order to improve the appearance and self-esteem of a patient. It is generally considered not medically necessary.¹

Coding Implications



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CPT Codes	Description			
Codes				
11200	Removal of skin tags, multiple fibrocutaneous tags, any area; up to and			
	including 15 lesions			
11201	Removal of skin tags, multiple fibrocutaneous tags, any area; each additional			
	10 lesions, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary			
	procedure)			
11400	Excision, benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed			
	elsewhere), trunk, arms or legs; excised diameter 0.5 cm or less			
11401	Excision, benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed			
	elsewhere), trunk, arms or legs; excised diameter 0.6 to 1.0 cm			
11402	Excision, benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed			
	elsewhere), trunk, arms or legs; excised diameter 1.1 to 2.0 cm			
11403	Excision, benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed			
	elsewhere), trunk, arms or legs; excised diameter 2.1 to 3.0 cm			
11404	Excision, benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed			
	elsewhere), trunk, arms or legs; excised diameter 3.1 to 4.0 cm			
11406	Excision, benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed			
	elsewhere), trunk, arms or legs; excised diameter over 4.0 cm			
11420	Excision, benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed			
	elsewhere), scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitalia; excised diameter 0.5 cm or less			
11421	Excision, benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed			
	elsewhere), scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitalia; excised diameter 0.6 to 1.0 cm			
11422	Excision, benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed			
	elsewhere), scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitalia; excised diameter 1.1 to 2.0 cm			
11423	Excision, benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed			
	elsewhere), scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitalia; excised diameter 2.1 to 3.0 cm			
11424	Excision, benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed			
	elsewhere), scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitalia; excised diameter 3.1 to 4.0 cm			
11426	Excision, benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed			
	elsewhere), scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitalia; excised diameter over 4.0 cm			
11440	Excision, other benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed			
	elsewhere), face, ears, eyelids, nose, lips, mucous membrane; excised diameter			
	0.5 cm or less			

CPT Codes That Support Coverage Criteria



CPT Codes	Description		
Codes			
11441	Excision, other benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed elsewhere), face, ears, eyelids, nose, lips, mucous membrane; excised diameter 0.6 to 1.0 cm		
11442	Excision, other benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed elsewhere), face, ears, eyelids, nose, lips, mucous membrane; excised diameter 1.1 to 2.0 cm		
11443	Excision, other benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed elsewhere), face, ears, eyelids, nose, lips, mucous membrane; excised diameter 2.1 to 3.0 cm		
11444	Excision, other benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed elsewhere), face, ears, eyelids, nose, lips, mucous membrane; excised diameter 3.1 to 4.0 cm		
11446	Excision, other benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed elsewhere), face, ears, eyelids, nose, lips, mucous membrane; excised diameter over 4.0 cm		
11920	Tattooing, intradermal introduction of insoluble opaque pigments to correct color defects of skin, including micropigmentation; 6.0 sq cm or less		
11921	Tattooing, intradermal introduction of insoluble opaque pigments to correct color defects of skin, including micropigmentation; 6.1 to 20.0 sq cm		
11922	Tattooing, intradermal introduction of insoluble opaque pigments to correct color defects of skin, including micropigmentation; each additional 20.0 sq cm, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)		
15773	Grafting of autologous fat harvested by liposuction technique to face, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, and/or feet; 25 cc or less injectate		
15774	Grafting of autologous fat harvested by liposuction technique to face, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, and/or feet; each additional 25 cc injectate, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)		
15788	Chemical peel, facial; epidermal		
15789	Chemical peel, facial; dermal		
15792	Chemical peel, nonfacial; epidermal		
15793	Chemical peel, nonfacial; dermal		
15830	Excision, excessive skin and subcutaneous tissue (includes lipectomy); abdomen, infraumbilical panniculectomy		
15832	Excision, excessive skin and subcutaneous tissue (includes lipectomy); thigh		
15833	Excision, excessive skin and subcutaneous tissue (includes lipectomy); leg		
15834	Excision, excessive skin and subcutaneous tissue (includes lipectomy); hip		
15835	Excision, excessive skin and subcutaneous tissue (includes lipectomy); buttock		
15836	Excision, excessive skin and subcutaneous tissue (includes lipectomy); arm		
15837	Excision, excessive skin and subcutaneous tissue (includes lipectomy); forearm or hand		
15220	Full thickness graft, free, including direct closure of donor site, scalp, arms, and/or legs; 20 sq cm or less		



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15221	Full thickness graft, free, including direct closure of donor site, scalp, arms, and/or legs; each additional 20 sq cm, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)		
15771	Grafting of autologous fat harvested by liposuction technique to trunk, breasts, scalp, arms, and/or legs; 50 cc or less injectate		
15772	Grafting of autologous fat harvested by liposuction technique to trunk, breasts, scalp, arms, and/or legs; each additional 50 cc injectate, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)		
15775	Punch graft for hair transplant; 1 to 15 punch grafts		
15776	Punch graft for hair transplant; more than 15 punch grafts		
15838	Excision, excessive skin and subcutaneous tissue (includes lipectomy); submental fat pad		
15839	Excision, excessive skin and subcutaneous tissue (includes lipectomy); other area		
15847	Excision, excessive skin and subcutaneous tissue (includes lipectomy), abdomen (eg, abdominoplasty) (includes umbilical transposition and fascial plication) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)		
15876	Suction assisted lipectomy; head and neck		
15877	Suction assisted lipectomy; trunk		
15878	Suction assisted lipectomy; upper extremity		
15879	Suction assisted lipectomy; lower extremity		
15792	Chemical peel, nonfacial; epidermal		
15793	Chemical peel, nonfacial; dermal		
17110	Destruction (eg, laser surgery, electrosurgery, cryosurgery, chemosurgery, surgical curettement), of benign lesions other than skin tags or cutaneous vascular proliferative lesions; up to 14 lesions		
17111	Destruction (eg, laser surgery, electrosurgery, cryosurgery, chemosurgery, surgical curettement), of benign lesions other than skin tags or cutaneous vascular proliferative lesions; 15 or more lesions		
19301	Mastectomy, partial (eg, lumpectomy, tylectomy, quadrantectomy, segmentectomy);		
19302	Mastectomy, partial (eg, lumpectomy, tylectomy, quadrantectomy, segmentectomy); with axillary lymphadenectomy		
19303	Mastectomy, simple, complete		
19316	Mastopexy		
19318	Breast reduction		
19325	Breast augmentation with implant		
19328	Removal of intact breast implant		
19330	Removal of ruptured breast implant, including implant contents (eg, saline, silicone gel)		
19340	Insertion of breast implant on same day of mastectomy (ie, immediate)		
19342	Insertion or replacement of breast implant on separate day from mastectomy		
19350	Nipple/areola reconstruction		



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Codes			
19355	Correction of inverted nipples		
19357	Tissue expander placement in breast reconstruction, including subsequent		
	expansion(s)		
19361	Breast reconstruction; with latissimus dorsi flap		
19364	Breast reconstruction; with free flap (eg, fTRAM, DIEP, SIEA, GAP flap)		
19367	Breast reconstruction; with single-pedicled transverse rectus abdominis		
	myocutaneous (TRAM) flap		
19368	Breast reconstruction; with single-pedicled transverse rectus abdominis		
	myocutaneous (TRAM) flap, requiring separate microvascular anastomosis		
	(supercharging)		
19369	Breast reconstruction; with bipedicled transverse rectus abdominis		
	myocutaneous (TRAM) flap		
19370	Revision of peri-implant capsule, breast, including capsulotomy,		
	capsulorrhaphy, and/or partial capsulectomy		
19371	Peri-implant capsulectomy, breast, complete, including removal of all		
	intracapsular contents		
19380	Revision of reconstructed breast (eg, significant removal of tissue, re-		
	advancement and/or re-inset of flaps in autologous reconstruction or		
	significant capsular revision combined with soft tissue excision in implant-		
	based reconstruction)		
19396	Preparation of moulage for custom breast implant		
19499	Unlisted procedure, breast		
21120	Genioplasty; augmentation (autograft, allograft, prosthetic material)		
21121	Genioplasty; sliding osteotomy, single piece		
21122	Genioplasty; sliding osteotomies, 2 or more osteotomies (eg, wedge excision		
	or bone wedge reversal for asymmetrical chin)		
21123	Genioplasty; sliding, augmentation with interpositional bone grafts (includes		
	obtaining autografts)		
21137	Reduction forehead; contouring only		
21138	Reduction forehead; contouring and application of prosthetic material or bone		
	graft (includes obtaining autograft)		
21139	Reduction forehead; contouring and setback of anterior frontal sinus wall		
21159	Reconstruction midface, LeFort III (extra and intracranial) with forehead		
21107	advancement (eg, mono bloc), requiring bone grafts (includes obtaining		
	autografts); without LeFort I		
21160	Reconstruction midface, LeFort III (extra and intracranial) with forehead		
	advancement (eg, mono bloc), requiring bone grafts (includes obtaining		
	autografts); with LeFort I		
21172	Reconstruction superior-lateral orbital rim and lower forehead, advancement or		
	alteration, with or without grafts (includes obtaining autografts)		
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21175	Reconstruction, bifrontal, superior-lateral orbital rims and lower forehead, advancement or alteration (eg,plagiocephaly, trigonocephaly, brachycephaly), with or without grafts (includes obtaining autografts)		
21179	Reconstruction, entire or majority of forehead and/or supraorbital rims; with grafts (allograft or prosthetic material)		
21180	Reconstruction, entire or majority of forehead and/or supraorbital rims; with autograft (includes obtaining grafts)		
21181	Reconstruction by contouring of benign tumor of cranial bones (eg, fibrous dysplasia), extracranial		
21182	Reconstruction of orbital walls, rims, forehead, nasoethmoid complex following intra- and extracranial excision of benign tumor of cranial bone (eg, fibrous dysplasia), with multiple autografts (includes obtaining grafts); total area of bone grafting less than 40 sq cm		
21183	Reconstruction of orbital walls, rims, forehead, nasoethmoid complex following intra- and extracranial excision of benign tumor of cranial bone (eg, fibrous dysplasia), with multiple autografts (includes obtaining grafts); total area of bone grafting greater than 40 sq cm but less than 80 sq cm		
21184	Reconstruction of orbital walls, rims, forehead, nasoethmoid complex following intra- and extracranial excision of benign tumor of cranial bone (eg, fibrous dysplasia), with multiple autografts (includes obtaining grafts); total area of bone grafting greater than 80 sq cm		
21230	Graft; rib cartilage, autogenous, to face, chin, nose or ear (includes obtaining graft)		
21235	Graft; ear cartilage, autogenous, to nose or ear (includes obtaining graft)		
21255	Reconstruction of zygomatic arch and glenoid fossa with bone and cartilage (includes obtaining autografts)		
21256	Reconstruction of orbit with osteotomies (extracranial) and with bone grafts (includes obtaining autografts) (eg, micro-ophthalmia)		
21260	Periorbital osteotomies for orbital hypertelorism, with bone grafts; extracranial approach		
21261	Periorbital osteotomies for orbital hypertelorism, with bone grafts; combined intra- and extracranial approach		
21263	Periorbital osteotomies for orbital hypertelorism, with bone grafts; with forehead advancement		
21267	Orbital repositioning, periorbital osteotomies, unilateral, with bone grafts; extracranial approach		
21268	Orbital repositioning, periorbital osteotomies, unilateral, with bone grafts; combined intra- and extracranial approach		
21270	Malar augmentation, prosthetic material		
21275	Secondary revision of orbitocraniofacial reconstruction		



CPT Codes	Description
Codes	
21280	Medial canthopexy (separate procedure)
21282	Lateral canthopexy
21295	Reduction of masseter muscle and bone (eg, for treatment of benign masseteric hypertrophy); extraoral approach
21296	Reduction of masseter muscle and bone (eg, for treatment of benign masseteric hypertrophy); intraoral approach
61550	Craniectomy for craniosynostosis; single cranial suture
61552	Craniectomy for craniosynostosis; multiple cranial sutures
61556	Craniotomy for craniosynostosis; frontal or parietal bone flap
61557	Craniotomy for craniosynostosis; bifrontal bone flap
61558	Extensive craniectomy for multiple cranial suture craniosynostosis (eg, cloverleaf skull); not requiring bone grafts
61559	Extensive craniectomy for multiple cranial suture craniosynostosis (eg, cloverleaf skull); recontouring with multiple osteotomies and bone autografts (e.g., barrel-stave procedure) (includes obtaining grafts)

HCPCS Codes	Description
G0429	Dermal filler injection(s) for the treatment of facial lipodystrophy syndrome (LDS)
	as a result of highly active antiretroviral therapy)
Q2026	Injection, Radiesse, 0.1 ml
Q2028	Injection, Sculptra, 0.5 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Revision Date	Approval Date
Original creation	03/09	03/09
Template updated. References reviewed. Criteria for panniculectomy	04/16	04/16
removed and placed into CP.MP.109.		
References reviewed and updated	4/17	04/17
References reviewed and updated	03/18	03/18
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Reorganized section 1 for clarity. Removed requirement that scar and	03/19	03/19
keloid revisions must be in members under 18 years. Moved statement		
regarding documentation of medical records, photos. Removed specific		
mention of documentation of conservative therapies in the medical		
records criteria. Reorganized description and background sections.		
Removed "significant" in I.A.4.a. In II. N. changed "hair replacement" to	02/20	03/20
"hair transplantation." Added additional not medically necessary		
indications i.e., (mastopexy except for breast reconstruction post-		
mastectomy or lumpectomy resulting in significant asymmetry,		



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correction of inverted nipples, and repair of diastasis recti. Specialist	Date	Date
reviewed. References reviewed and updated.		
Added criteria for dermal injections and autologous fat injections for	04/20	05/20
HIV-associated FLS. Changed policy title and medical necessity	04/20	05/20
statements to state "cosmetic procedures" or "reconstructive procedures"		
instead of "cosmetic surgery" or "reconstructive surgery." Added CPT		
and HCPCS codes for specified medically necessary indications. Added		
note to refer to CP.MP.95 Gender Affirming procedures for procedures		
related to treatment of gender dysphoria		
Clarified in II.N. that hair transplant is not medically necessary, when	09/20	09/20
not performed to correct permanent hair loss caused by disease or injury.	07/20	07/20
Added the following applicable CPT codes: 15220,15221, 15775, 15776.		
Supporting references added.		
Added applicable CPT codes: 15771, 15772.	01/21	
Annual review. Reviewed and updated references. CPT code description	03/21	03/21
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19364, 19367, 19368, 19369, 19370, 19371, and 19380. CPT 19324 and		
19366 deleted in 2021.		
Clarified in I.A.1. failure of conservative therapy "(unless conservative	08/21	08/21
therapy is not standard of care for the condition, or is contraindicated)."	00/21	00/21
Changed "review date" in the header to "date of last revision" and "date"		
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21123, 21137, 21138, 21139, 21159, 21160, 21172, 21175, 21179,		
21180, 21181, 21182, 21183, 21184, 21230, 21235, 21255, 21256,		
21260, 21261, 21263, 21267, 21268, 21270, 21275, 21280, 21282,		
21295, 21296, and craniectomy/craniotomy codes for craniosynostosis.		
Clarified in I.A.4.a. "Post-mastectomy,* medically necessary	10/21	10/21
lumpectomy, or other medically necessary breast surgery." Updated II.R.	10/21	10/21
"Mastopexy (except for breast reconstruction post-mastectomy,		
medically necessary lumpectomy, other medically necessary breast		
surgery resulting in significant asymmetry). In II.E., changed		
"InterQual" to "Decision Support Criteria." Added II.U. "Breast		
reconstruction for fibroadenomas or other benign lesions, unless		
medically necessary per clinical decision support criteria" to not		
medically necessary procedures. Added codes 19330 and 19499. Annual		
review. References reviewed, updated, and reformatted.		
Annual review completed. Added to I.A.4.b. "poly-L-lactic acid" and	10/22	10/22
"calcium hydroxylapatite microspheres". Minor rewording with no		
clinical significance. References reviewed and updated. Reviewed by		
external specialist.		
CCH Specific Policy Developed to remove references to polices that	12/23	12/23
CCH does not use. Annual review. Minor edits to I.A.4.b with no clinical		



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significance. Removed CPT code 11310. References reviewed and updated. Reviewed by internal specialist.		
Annual review. Added criteria to I.A.2. to include in an area that affects eyesight. Under I.A.3. replaced "standard" with "conservative. Moved notes about health plan-adopted nationally recognized decision support criteria and gender dysphoria to Description. Removed note regarding prophylactic mastectomy with BRCA mutation. Minor rewording in Background with no impact to criteria. References reviewed and updated. Reviewed by external specialist	10/24	10/24

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Important Reminder

This clinical policy has been developed by appropriately experienced and licensed health care professionals based on a review and consideration of currently available generally accepted standards of medical practice; peer-reviewed medical literature; government agency/program approval status; evidence-based guidelines and positions of leading national health professional organizations; views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas affected by this clinical policy; and other available clinical information. The Health Plan makes no representations and accepts no liability with respect to the content of any external information used or relied upon in developing this clinical policy. This clinical policy is consistent with standards of medical practice current at the time that this clinical policy was approved. "Health Plan" means a health plan that has adopted this clinical policy and that is operated or administered, in whole or in part, by Centene Management Company, LLC, or any of such health plan's affiliates, as applicable.

The purpose of this clinical policy is to provide a guide to medical necessity, which is a component of the guidelines used to assist in making coverage decisions and administering benefits. It does not constitute a contract or guarantee regarding payment or results. Coverage decisions and the administration of benefits are subject to all terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations of the coverage documents (e.g., evidence of coverage, certificate of coverage, policy, contract of insurance, etc.), as well as to state and federal requirements and applicable Health Plan-level administrative policies and procedures.

This clinical policy is effective as of the date determined by the Health Plan. The date of posting may not be the effective date of this clinical policy. This clinical policy may be subject to applicable legal and regulatory requirements relating to provider notification. If there is a discrepancy between the effective date of this clinical policy and any applicable legal or regulatory requirement, the requirements of law and regulation shall govern. The Health Plan



retains the right to change, amend or withdraw this clinical policy, and additional clinical policies may be developed and adopted as needed, at any time.

This clinical policy does not constitute medical advice, medical treatment or medical care. It is not intended to dictate to providers how to practice medicine. Providers are expected to exercise professional medical judgment in providing the most appropriate care, and are solely responsible for the medical advice and treatment of members/enrollees. This clinical policy is not intended to recommend treatment for members/enrollees. Members/enrollees should consult with their treating physician in connection with diagnosis and treatment decisions.

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Note: For Medicaid members/enrollees, when state Medicaid coverage provisions conflict with the coverage provisions in this clinical policy, state Medicaid coverage provisions take precedence. Please refer to the state Medicaid manual for any coverage provisions pertaining to this clinical policy.

Note: For Medicare members/enrollees, to ensure consistency with the Medicare National Coverage Determinations (NCD) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCD), all applicable NCDs, LCDs and Medicare Coverage Articles should be reviewed <u>prior to</u> applying the criteria set forth in this clinical policy. Refer to the CMS website at <u>http://www.cms.gov</u> for additional information.

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