

## **320-G LUNG VOLUME REDUCTION SURGERY**

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 3, 2017

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division) covers Lung Volume Reduction Surgery (LVRS), or reduction pneumoplasty, for members eligible for ALTCS with severe emphysema. This surgery must be performed at a facility approved by Medicare in accordance with all of the established Medicare guidelines.

The member's treating physician is responsible for providing appropriate documentation, establishing medical necessity, and verification of compliance with Medicare, Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division), and AHCCCS guidelines. When requesting authorization, the documentation must be sent to the Division's Administrative Services Subcontractor (AdSS) Medical Director or to the Division's Medical Director for Division's American Indian Health Plan (AIHP) (Fee-For-Service) members.

When possible, such surgeries, and the required pre- and post-operative therapies, will be performed at facilities approved by Medicare for LVRS reimbursement within the State of Arizona. However, this procedure may be covered at out-of-state facilities, if needed. All facilities must meet Medicare LVRS facility requirements as well as AHCCCS Provider Registration requirements.

If medically necessary, the Division or AdSS may pay for an adult caregiver to accompany members when out-of-state-travel is required. Transportation, lodging, and board may be covered as appropriate.

### **Medicare Criteria**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a National Coverage Decision (NCD) for LVRS specifying covered and non-covered criteria. Medicare established guidelines are followed for this procedure according to the NCD effective 11/17/2005. NCD for LVRS is contained in Exhibit 320-1, as adopted by the Division for use, and found in the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual.