

310-C BREAST RECONSTRUCTION AFTER MASTECTOMY

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 26, 2022

REFERENCES: 42 U.S. Code § 300gg-52, A.A.C. R9-22-205

PURPOSE

This policy describes covered breast reconstruction surgery services following a mastectomy for ALTCS members. This policy applies to DDD's Administrative Services Subcontractors (AdSS).

DEFINITIONS

1. "Contralateral" means relating to or denoting the side of the body opposite to that on which a particular structure or condition occurs.

POLICY

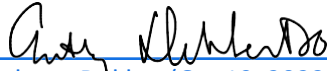
A. COVERED SERVICES

1. The AdSS shall cover breast reconstructive surgery post-mastectomy per 42 U.S. Code § 300gg-52.
2. The AdSS shall cover reconstructive breast surgery of the unaffected contralateral breast following mastectomy if required to achieve relative symmetry with the reconstructed affected breast.

3. The AdSS shall cover breast reconstruction surgery either immediately following the mastectomy or after the breast reconstruction, based on the choice of the member.
4. The AdSS shall cover medically necessary breast implant removal when the original implant was the result of a medically necessary mastectomy.
5. The AdSS shall cover an external prosthesis, including a surgical brassiere, for DDD Long Term Care members who choose not to have breast reconstruction post-mastectomy, or who choose to delay breast reconstruction until a later time.

B. LIMITATIONS

1. The AdSS shall not cover services provided solely for cosmetic purposes, per A.A.C. R9-22-205. If a member has had a breast implant procedure for cosmetic purposes, (i.e., augmentation), not related to a mastectomy, medically necessary removal of the implant is covered, but implant replacement is not covered.

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