

Division of Developmental Disabilities

POLICY NOTIFICATION

Early Notification Transmittal Date: Oct 22, 2025

Public Comment Transmittal Date: Nov 26, 2025

NOTIFICATION

DDD is proposing a new policy:

AdSS Medical Manual, Policy 320-G Lung Volume Reduction Surgery

Description of new policy: *This is a brand new policy that was developed to align with AMPM 320-G*

The information added includes:

- Developed a purpose statement
- Added new definitions
- Developed a section for General Requirements
- Developed a section for Prior Authorization

PUBLIC COMMENT TIMELINE

Dates: Public comment will be open for 30 days beginning November 26, 2025 and closing December 26, 2025, 11:59 pm, Arizona time.

Instructions: (Complete instructions are located on the Division's [webpage](#))

- Comments may be submitted online by clicking [here](#).
- Do not include any information that is confidential, covered under HIPAA, or inappropriate for public disclosure.

If access to the online form is not available or if you have questions, please email the DDD Policy Unit at DDDpolicy@azdes.gov.

320-G LUNG VOLUME REDUCTION SURGERY

EFFECTIVE DATE: **XX/XX/XXXX**

REFERENCES: AHCCCS Medical Policy 1100, Federal Emergency Services Program Overview; AHCCCS Medical Policy 320-G, Attachment A

PURPOSE

This policy establishes the requirements for the lung volume reduction surgery (LVRS) for the Administrative Services Subcontractors (AdSS).

DEFINITIONS

1. "Lung Volume Reduction Surgery" or "LVRS" means a surgical procedure that removes diseased lung tissue. This procedure reduces the size of an over-inflated lung and allows for the expansion of the remaining healthy lung. Also referred to as reduction pneumoplasty, lung shaving or lung contouring.
2. "Member" means the same as "Client," a person receiving developmental disabilities services from the Division, as specified in A.R.S. § 36-551.

POLICY

A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. The AdSS shall cover Lung Volume Reduction Surgery (LVRS), or reduction pneumoplasty, for Members with severe emphysema when performed at a facility approved by Medicare in accordance with all of the established Medicare guidelines issued in the National Coverage Decision (NCD).
2. The AdSS shall require the Member's treating physician be responsible for:
 - a. Providing appropriate documentation,
 - b. Establishing medical necessity, and
 - c. Verifying compliance with Medicare and AHCCCS guidelines.

B. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

1. The AdSS shall require the LVRS and the required pre- and post-operative therapies, be performed at facilities approved by Medicare for LVRS reimbursement within the State of Arizona, when possible.
2. The AdSS may cover LVRS at out-of-state facilities, if needed.

3. The AdSS shall require all facilities meet Medicare LVRS facility requirements, as well as AHCCCS Provider Registration requirements.
4. The AdSS shall pay for an adult caregiver to accompany Members, if medically necessary, when out-of-state-travel is required and may include:
 - a. Transportation,
 - b. Lodging, and
 - c. Board, as appropriate.

Signature of Chief Medical officer

Name

Date