

Breast reduction

We provide coverage for this procedure for adult and adolescent members who meet medical necessity criteria. Submit authorization requests through the e-referral system.

The submitter will receive a prompt to complete a questionnaire to determine the appropriateness of the requested service. The questions are listed below.

If all questions are answered, e-referral will either approve or pend the case. If the case pends and we cannot authorize it, we will contact the provider for additional clinical information. Authorization is not a guarantee of payment.

Payment is based on established claim edits. We will retrospectively monitor compliance with this authorization requirement.

Applicable procedure codes: *19318

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See below for the questions you'll encounter in the e-referral system.

Q Is the patient OLD ENOUGH that her breasts are fully grown (breast size stable for approximately one year)?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Will more than 500 grams of tissue be removed from each breast?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Will amount of tissue to be removed from either breast be greater than or equal to the 22nd percentile on the Schnur Scale?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A



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Preview questionnaire

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Q Does the patient have pain in the neck and/or shoulders or postural backache of long-standing duration THAT CONTINUES AFTER conservative treatment such as appropriate support bra, exercises, heat/cold treatments or appropriate nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents or muscle relaxants (unless contraindicated or not tolerated)?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have shoulder grooving?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have recurrent intertrigo (inflammation caused by the rubbing of one area of skin on another) between the breasts and the chest wall that has not responded to dermatologic treatment?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A