

Meeting: Utilization Management Committee	Date: 6/20/2024
Title/Topic: Medical Policy – Breast Implant Removal and/or Replacement	Policy Number: n00310
Purpose: Annual Review	Outcome: Approve
Line of Business: Commercial and Medicare	Effective Date: 6/20/2024

**INTRODUCTION:**

*Includes definition of problem or opportunity. Provides background information on the topic. Describes current state. May also include prior state and/or factors that have changed. Includes operational definitions where key terms may have varied interpretation.*

Breast implant removal and/or replacement is a surgical procedure in which the current implant (silicone or saline) is removed.

This medical policy provides guidance for Utilization Management Coordinator Registered Nurses (UMC-RN) regarding determinations involving the medical necessity of breast implant removal and/or replacement.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

*States recommendations in specific terms. Includes a summary of what should be accomplished, methods, and timetable (if applicable). Recommendations on implementation and follow-up plans may also be included.*

Annual review has been conducted and the Breast Implant Removal and/or Replacement medical policy is presented for review and approval with changes as written.

No changes were made to the content or utilization guidance of this policy. Changes made include updating references, grammatical updates, and verification of CPT codes.

**ANALYSIS/JUSTIFICATION:**

*Includes information relevant to the recommended action including information used in formulation the recommendations. Information will include reference to any existing Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) coverage determinations as well as any existing established vendor criteria. Information may include financial/cost data, service measures, projections or other key measures or process tools, recommendations from a clinical provider with expertise regarding the topic, and/or information from other widely used treatment guidelines or peer reviewed clinical literature.*

The Centers for Medicare/Medicaid (CMS) has guidance on Reconstruction following a mastectomy but does not address the need for removal of breast implants post reconstruction.

MCG 28<sup>th</sup> Edition Guidelines, no specific guideline for the removal of breast implants.

**REFERENCES:**

*Includes detailed description regarding source(s) of information used for development of policy or recommendations via citation.*

1. Lalani, L, Zenn, M, Sexton, D. Breast Implant Infections. Up to Date. September 9, 2020. Literature review current through May 2024
2. Nahabedian, M, Gutowski, K. Complications of Reconstructive and Aesthetic Breast Surgery. Up to Date. October 14,2021, Literature review current through May 2024

**REVISION REASON:**

*Includes the date changes or updates were made and summary of changes applied.*

06/20/2024 Annual Review; Changes made include updating references, grammatical updates, and verification of CPT codes.

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