

Breast Reduction Surgery

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Application

This Medical Policy does not apply to the states listed below; refer to the state-specific policy/guideline, if noted:

State	Policy/Guideline
Indiana	Breast Reduction Surgery (for Indiana Only)
Kentucky	Breast Reduction Surgery (for Kentucky Only)
Louisiana	Breast Reduction Surgery (for Louisiana Only)
Mississippi	Breast Reduction Surgery (for Mississippi Only)
New Jersey	Breast Reduction Surgery (for New Jersey Only)
North Carolina	Breast Reduction Surgery (for North Carolina Only)
Ohio	Breast Reduction Surgery (for Ohio Only)
Pennsylvania	Breast Reduction Surgery (for Pennsylvania Only)
Tennessee	Breast Reduction Surgery (for Tennessee Only)

Coverage Rationale

Breast reduction surgery is considered reconstructive and medically necessary in certain circumstances. For medical necessity clinical coverage criteria, refer to the InterQual® CP: Procedures:

- Reduction Mammoplasty, Female
- Reduction Mammoplasty, Female, Adolescent

Click [here](#) to view the InterQual® criteria.

Note: For reduction mammoplasty related to gynecomastia, refer to the Medical Policy titled [Gynecomastia Surgery](#).

Applicable Codes

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

Note: Coding for suction lipectomy is addressed in the Medical Policy titled [Panniculectomy and Body Contouring Procedures](#).

CPT Code	Description
19316	Mastopexy
19318	Breast reduction

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Diagnosis Code	Description
N62	Hypertrophy of breast
N65.1	Disproportion of reconstructed breast

Policy History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
08/01/2023	<p>Coverage Rationale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Revised language pertaining to medical necessity clinical coverage criteria; replaced reference to the:<ul style="list-style-type: none">“InterQual® CP: Procedures, Reduction <i>Mammoplasty</i>, Female” with “InterQual® CP: Procedures, Reduction <i>Mammoplasty</i>, Female”“InterQual® CP: Procedures, Reduction <i>Mammoplasty</i>, Female, Adolescent” with “InterQual® CP: Procedures, Reduction <i>Mammoplasty</i>, Female, Adolescent”Added instruction to refer to the Medical Policy titled <i>Gynecomastia Surgery</i> for reduction mammoplasty related to gynecomastia <p>Applicable Codes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Added CPT code 19316Revised description for CPT code 19318Removed list of ICD-10 procedure codes: 0HBT0ZZ, 0HBT3ZZ, 0HBU0ZZ, 0HBU3ZZ, 0HBV0ZZ, 0HBV3ZZ, 0H0T0ZZ, 0H0U0ZZ, and 0H0V0ZZ <p>Supporting Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Archived previous policy version CS012.Y

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UnitedHealthcare may also use tools developed by third parties, such as the InterQual® criteria, to assist us in administering health benefits. The UnitedHealthcare Medical Policies are intended to be used in connection with the independent professional medical judgment of a qualified health care provider and do not constitute the practice of medicine or medical advice.