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Benefit Description

Reconstructive Surgery (cont.)

- Diagnosis of gender dysphoria by a qualified healthcare professional with well-documented persistent gender incongruence, including documentation that other possible causes of gender incongruence have been excluded
- Member must meet the following criteria:
 - 6 months of continuous hormone therapy appropriate to the member's gender identity (unless medically contraindicated and they are not required for mastectomy)
 - Documentation of informed consent and fulfillment of the program's criteria for gender affirming surgical treatment
 - Must have a written psychological assessment from a qualified mental health professional documenting the diagnosis of persistent gender dysphoria with a well-documented persistent gender incongruence between the assigned gender and the experienced/expressed gender or some alternative gender, support of surgical procedure(s), and well-controlled physical and mental health conditions
 - Surgical treatment plan must include timing, technique, and duration of aftercare

Standard Option - You Pay

Preferred: 15% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies)

Participating: 35% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies)

Non-participating: 35% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies), plus any difference between our allowance and the billed amount

Note: You may request prior approval and receive specific benefit information in advance for surgeries to be performed by Non-participating physicians when the charge for the surgery will be **\$5,000 or more**. See Section 3 for more information.

Basic Option - You Pay

Preferred: \$150 copayment per performing surgeon, for surgical procedures performed in an office

setting

Preferred: \$200 copayment per performing surgeon, for surgical procedures performed in all other settings

Note: Your provider will document the place of service when filing your claim for the procedure(s). Please contact the provider if you have any questions about the place of service.

Note: You pay 30% of the Plan allowance for agents, drugs, and/or supplies administered or obtained in connection with your care.

Participating/Non-participating: You pay all charges

Benefit Description

Not covered:

- *Cosmetic surgery – any operative procedure or any portion of a procedure performed primarily to improve physical appearance through change in bodily form – unless required for a congenital anomaly or to restore or correct a part of the body that has been altered as a result of accidental injury, disease, or surgery (does not include anomalies related to the teeth or structures supporting the teeth)*
- *Surgeries related to sexual dysfunction or sexual inadequacy (except surgical placement of penile prostheses to treat erectile dysfunction)*
- *Reversal of gender affirming surgery*

Standard Option - You Pay

All charges

Basic Option - You Pay

All charges

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