



Kaiser Foundation Health Plan - Hawaii

Reconstructive Surgery Guideline

Reconstructive surgery is performed on abnormal structures of the body caused by congenital defects, developmental abnormalities, trauma, infection, tumors, or disease. It is generally performed to improve function.

Clinical Review

Covered:

If a Physician determines that the reconstructive surgery is medically feasible and likely to:

- Result in significant improvement in physical function, including bariatric surgery (procedures used to manage obesity and obesity-related conditions) and surgery to correct congenital anomalies, or
- Correct a significant disfigurement resulting from an injury or Medically Necessary surgery, or
- To provide all stages of reconstructive surgery, that is incident to a covered mastectomy, if all or part of a breast is surgically removed for Medically Necessary reasons. Treatment for complications of a mastectomy and reconstruction, including lymphedema (swelling that happens when something affects your lymphatic system), is also covered.

Not Covered:

Cosmetic Services, plastic surgery or other services that are indicated primarily to:

- Change of maintain your appearance (considered not medically necessary).
- Not likely to result in significant improvement in physical function (considered not medically necessary), including treatment for complications resulting from cosmetic services (not covered).

Approval	Dates
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References

Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) Local Coverage Determination (LCD), Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery, L33428, for services performed on or after 07/29/2021