



# MEDICAL POLICY STATEMENT

## Marketplace

Policy Name & Number	Date Effective
Breast Reconstruction Surgery-MP-MM-1360	01/01/2024
Policy Type	
<b>MEDICAL</b>	

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### This policy applies to the following Marketplace(s):

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A. Subject

**Breast Reconstruction Surgery**

B. Background

Breast reconstruction is intended to reduce post-mastectomy complications and to establish symmetry between the surgical breast and the contralateral breast. Breast reconstruction procedures may include breast reduction, breast augmentation with FDA-approved breast implants, nipple reconstruction (including surgery, tattooing, or both), and breast contouring. Reconstruction may be performed immediately following a mastectomy or can be delayed for weeks or years until the member has undergone radiation, chemotherapy, or decides that reconstruction is wanted.

Breast augmentation with an FDA-approved implant can be performed in one stage, during which the implant is inserted during the same surgical visit as the mastectomy, or in two stages using an implanted tissue expander in the first stage followed by removal of the expander and insertion of the permanent breast implant. Complications may occur from breast implants immediately postoperatively or years later and can include exposure, extrusion, infection, contracture, rupture, and/or pain. Clinically significant complications may require implant removal.

Autologous tissue/muscle breast flap reconstruction is a safe and effective alternative to breast implants. Muscle, subcutaneous tissue, and skin can be transposed from the donor site either locally (eg, latissimus dorsi myocutaneous [LD] flap, pedicled transverse rectus abdominus myocutaneous [TRAM] flap) or distally (eg, free TRAM flap, deep inferior epigastric perforator [DIEP] flap, superficial inferior epigastric artery perforator [SIEP] flap, inferior or superior gluteal flap, superior gluteal artery perforator flap, Reubens flap, or transverse upper gracilis [TUG] flap). The choice of procedure can be affected by the member's age and health, contralateral breast size and shape, personal preference, and expertise of the surgeon.

Individuals may also select non-invasive options, such as mastectomy bras and external breast prostheses.

Refer to MCG for complete mastectomy.





