

# 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	None
Kentucky	<a href="#">Breast Reduction Surgery (for Kentucky Only)</a>
Louisiana	<a href="#">Breast Reduction Surgery (for Louisiana Only)</a>
Mississippi	<a href="#">Breast Reduction Surgery (for Mississippi Only)</a>
New Jersey	<a href="#">Breast Reduction Surgery (for New Jersey Only)</a>
North Carolina	<a href="#">Breast Reduction Surgery (for North Carolina Only)</a>
Ohio	<a href="#">Breast Reduction Surgery (for Ohio Only)</a>
Pennsylvania	<a href="#">Breast Reduction Surgery (for Pennsylvania Only)</a>
Tennessee	<a href="#">Breast Reduction Surgery (for Tennessee Only)</a>

## 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
05/01/2024	<p><b>Application</b> <b>Indiana</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed reference link to state-specific policy version (retired May 1, 2024)</li> </ul>
08/01/2023	<p><b>Coverage Rationale</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised language pertaining to medical necessity clinical coverage criteria; replaced reference to the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“InterQual® CP: Procedures, Reduction <i>Mammoplasty</i>, Female” with “InterQual® CP: Procedures, Reduction <i>Mammoplasty</i>, Female”</li> <li>“InterQual® CP: Procedures, Reduction <i>Mammoplasty</i>, Female, Adolescent” with “InterQual® CP: Procedures, Reduction <i>Mammoplasty</i>, Female, Adolescent”</li> </ul> </li> <li>Added instruction to refer to the Medical Policy titled <i>Gynecomastia Surgery</i> for reduction mammoplasty related to gynecomastia</li> </ul> <p><b>Applicable Codes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added CPT code 19316</li> <li>Revised description for CPT code 19318</li> <li>Removed list of ICD-10 procedure codes: 0HBT0ZZ, 0HBT3ZZ, 0HBU0ZZ, 0HBU3ZZ, 0HBV0ZZ, 0HBV3ZZ, 0H0T0ZZ, 0H0U0ZZ, and 0H0V0ZZ</li> </ul> <p><b>Supporting Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Archived previous policy version CS012.Y</li> </ul>

## Instructions for Use

This Medical Policy provides assistance in interpreting UnitedHealthcare standard benefit plans. When deciding coverage, the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage must be referenced as the terms of the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage may differ from the standard benefit plan. In the event of a conflict, the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage govern. Before using this policy, please check the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage. UnitedHealthcare reserves the right to modify its Policies and Guidelines as necessary. This Medical Policy is provided for informational purposes. It does not constitute medical advice.

UnitedHealthcare may also use tools developed by third parties, such as the InterQual<sup>®</sup> 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.