UNC HEALTH NETWORK HEALTH PLAN CHAPEL HILL NC

Health Benefit Summary Plan Description

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BENEFITS ADMINISTERED BY





31. Gender Dysphoria:

Benefits for the treatment of Gender Dysphoria, limited to the following services:

- Psychotherapy for Gender Dysphoria and associated co-morbid psychiatric diagnoses as described in the Mental Health Benefits section of this SPD.
- Cross-sex hormone therapy:
 - Cross-sex hormone therapy administered by a medical provider (for example, during an office visit) as described in the Mental Health Benefits section of this SPD.
 - Cross-sex hormone therapy dispensed from a pharmacy as described in the Prescription Drug Benefits section of this SPD.
- Puberty-suppressing medication injected or implanted by a medical provider in a clinical setting.
- Laboratory testing to monitor the safety of continuous cross-sex hormone therapy.
- Surgery for the treatment of Gender Dysphoria, including the surgeries listed below:
 Male to Female:
 - Clitoroplasty (creation of clitoris)
 - Labiaplasty (creation of labia)
 - Orchiectomy (removal of testicles)
 - Penectomy (removal of penis)
 - Urethroplasty (reconstruction of female urethra)
 - Vaginoplasty (creation of vagina)
 - Female to Male:
 - Bilateral mastectomy or breast reduction

- Hysterectomy (removal of uterus)
- Metoidioplasty (creation of penis, using clitoris)
- Penile prosthesis
- Phalloplasty (creation of penis)
- Salpingo-oophorectomy (removal of fallopian tubes and ovaries)
- Scrotoplasty (creation of scrotum)
- Testicular prosthesis
- Urethroplasty (reconstruction of male urethra)
- Vaginectomy (removal of vagina)
- Vulvectomy (removal of vulva)

Genital Surgery and Bilateral Mastectomy or Breast Reduction Surgery Documentation Requirements:

The Covered Person must provide documentation of the following for breast surgery:

- A written psychological assessment from at least one qualified behavioral health provider experienced in treating Gender Dysphoria. The assessment must document that the Covered Person meets all of the following criteria:
 - > The Covered Person has experienced persistent, well-documented Gender Dysphoria.
 - > The Covered Person has the capacity to make a fully informed decision and to consent to treatment.
 - > The Covered Person must be 18 years of age or older.
 - If significant medical or mental health concerns are present, they must be reasonably well controlled.

The Covered Person must provide documentation of the following for genital surgery:

- A written psychological assessment from at least two qualified behavioral health providers experienced in treating Gender Dysphoria who have independently assessed the Covered Person. The assessment must document that the Covered Person meets all of the following criteria:
 - > The Covered Person has experienced persistent, well-documented Gender Dysphoria.
 - > The Covered Person has the capacity to make a fully informed decision and to consent to treatment.
 - The Covered Person must be 18 years of age or older.
 - If significant medical or mental health concerns are present, they must be reasonably well controlled.
 - ➤ The Covered Person must complete at least 12 months of successful, continuous, full-time, real-life experience in the desired gender.
 - > The Covered Person must complete 12 months of continuous cross-sex hormone therapy appropriate for the desired gender (unless medically contraindicated).
- The treatment plan must be based on identifiable external sources, including the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) standards, and/or evidence-based professional society guidance.