Breast Reduction Surgery Added to Site of Service Policy

Effective Date: April 1, 2024

Health Plan(s) Affected: Priority Partners and US Family Health Plan (USFHP)

Type of Change: Site of Service

Explanation of Change:
The Johns Hopkins Health Plans Medical Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) has approved changes, deletions and additions to its Site of Service Medical Policies for Priority Partners and US Family Health Plan (USFHP). This requirement affects Priority Partners and USFHP members of all ages.

The following code addition is effective April 1, 2024:
- CMS23.05 Site of Service - Outpatient Surgical Procedures
  - **CPT code 19318, Breast Reduction**, has been added to this policy and will continue to require a prior authorization review for medical necessity for the procedure, with the addition of a site of service review for the place of surgery.
  - Appendix A and Appendix B (list of codes subject to Site of Service Review) was revised to include Breast Reductions
  - No edits to policy criteria section
  - References reviewed and updated

The site of service policy specifies that members receive certain outpatient diagnostic or surgical procedures in an ambulatory surgery center (ASC) when clinically appropriate. A surgical procedure performed in a hospital setting will require prior authorization and must meet medical necessity criteria for the hospital setting. The outpatient hospital setting, classified by Place of Service 22, is also known as "regulated space" within the state of Maryland.

Some procedures may also require medical necessity review using clinical review criteria specific to the procedure in ANY site of service (outpatient hospital setting, ambulatory surgery center or office).

To view the full description of the site of service policy and important appendices, please visit the [Medical Policies](#) section of the Johns Hopkins Health Plans website after the policy effective date.