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TO: Physicians and Hospitals

SUBJECT: Breast Reconstruction Surgery

Effective August 1, 2000, the Alabama Medicaid Agency will reimburse for breast reconstruction surgery under the guidelines listed below.

- The reconstruction follows a medically necessary mastectomy for the removal of cancer,
- The recipient is eligible for Medicaid on the date of reconstruction surgery,
- The recipient elects reconstruction within two years of the mastectomy surgery,
- The diagnosis codes used are appropriate.

All reconstructive procedures require prior authorization. The term “reconstruction” shall also include augmentation mammoplasty, reduction mammoplasty, and mastoplexy.

The following procedure codes (PC) are used when billing for these services as outlined below.

PC	Description
19342	Delayed insertion of breast prosthesis following mastopexy, mastectomy or in reconstruction
19350	Nipple/areola reconstruction
19357	Breast reconstruction, immediate or delayed, with tissue expander, including subsequent expansion
19361	Breast reconstruction with latissimus dorsi flap, with or without prosthetic implant
19364	Breast reconstruction with free flap
19366	Breast reconstruction with other technique
19367	Breast reconstruction with transverse rectus abdominis myocutaneous flap TRAM), single pedicle, including closure of donor site
19368	Breast reconstruction with transverse rectus abdominis myocutaneous flap TRAM), single pedicle, including closure of donor site; with microvascular anastomosis (supercharging)

19369 Breast reconstruction with transverse rectus abdominis myocutaneous flap (TRAM), double pedicle, including closure of donor site

Any questions regarding the information in this notice should be directed to Outreach & Education at the Alabama Medicaid Agency at (334) 242-5455.

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