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Breast Reconstruction Following Breast Cancer Surgery No Longer Requires Prior Authorization

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2003, providers are not required to obtain prior authorization for breast reconstruction when performed following a mastectomy for breast cancer.

Breast Reconstruction When Diagnosis Is Breast Cancer

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2003, prior authorization (PA) is not required for breast reconstruction (*Current Procedural Terminology* codes 19316-19325, 19340-19350, 19357-19396) when performed following a mastectomy for breast cancer. This is pursuant to the federal Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998. Claims for breast reconstruction must include an *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification* diagnosis code for breast cancer (174.0-174.9) in order for the PA requirement to be waived by Wisconsin Medicaid.

Information Regarding Medicaid HMOs

This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* contains Medicaid fee-for-service policy and applies to providers of services to recipients on fee-for-service Medicaid only. For Medicaid HMO or managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization. Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/.

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