

**2024 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan - Standard and Basic Option
Section 5(b). Surgical and Anesthesia Services Provided by Physicians and Other
Healthcare Professionals
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Benefit Description

Surgical Procedures (cont.)

Note: When multiple surgical procedures that add time or complexity to patient care are performed during the same operative session, the Local Plan determines our allowance for the combination of multiple, bilateral, or incidental surgical procedures. Generally, we will allow a reduced amount for procedures other than the primary procedure.

Note: We do not pay extra for “incidental” procedures (those that do not add time or complexity to patient care).

Note: When unusual circumstances require the removal of casts or sutures by a physician other than the one who applied them, the Local Plan may determine that a separate allowance is payable.

Standard Option - You Pay

See prior page

Basic Option - You Pay

See prior page

Benefit Description

Not covered:

- *Reversal of voluntary sterilization*
- *Services of a standby physician*

- *Routine surgical treatment of conditions of the foot (see Section 5(a), Foot Care)*
- *Cosmetic surgery*
- *LASIK, INTACS, radial keratotomy, and other refractive surgery*
- *Surgeries related to sexual inadequacy (except surgical placement of penile prostheses to treat erectile dysfunction and gender affirming surgeries specifically listed as covered)*
- *Reversal of gender affirming surgery*

Standard Option - You Pay

All charges

Basic Option - You Pay

All charges

Benefit Description

Reconstructive Surgery

- Surgery to correct a functional defect
- Surgery to correct a congenital anomaly
- Treatment to restore the mouth to a pre-cancer state
- All stages of breast reconstruction surgery following a mastectomy, such as:
 - Surgery to produce a symmetrical appearance of the patient's breasts
 - Treatment of any physical complications, such as lymphedemas

Note: Internal breast prostheses are paid as orthopedic and prosthetic devices; see Section 5(a). See Section 5(c) when billed by a facility.

Note: If you need a mastectomy, you may choose to have the procedure performed on an inpatient basis and remain in the hospital up to 48 hours after the procedure.

- Surgery for placement of penile prostheses to treat erectile dysfunction

Standard Option - You Pay

Preferred: 15% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies)

Participating: 35% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies)

Non-participating: 35% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies), plus any difference between our allowance and the billed amount

Note: You may request prior approval and receive specific benefit information in advance for surgeries to be performed by Non-participating physicians when the charge for the surgery will be **\$5,000 or more**. See Section 3 for more information.

Basic Option - You Pay

Preferred: \$150 copayment per performing surgeon, for surgical procedures performed in an office setting

Preferred: \$200 copayment per performing surgeon, for surgical procedures performed in all other settings

Note: Your provider will document the place of service when filing your claim for the procedure(s). Please contact the provider if you have any questions about the place of service.

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