

## Breast Mastectomy and Reconstruction

Per Provider Letter OHCA 2010-56, effective December 1, 2010 a PAR (Prior Authorization Request) will be required for all mastectomy procedures for SoonerCare members. OHCA considers breast mastectomy surgery (for females) medically necessary for non-cosmetic indications for women aged 18 or older, with objective documentation confirming diagnosis of breast cancer in one or both breasts.

Please see [Coding: Surgery](#) section for assistance with modifiers and line items for surgery PARs

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

- Objective documentation must include a **pathology** report or operative report confirming diagnosis of breast cancer in one or both breasts.
  - Unilateral: removal of one breast with confirmed breast cancer
  - Bilateral: removal of both breasts if confirmed bilateral breast cancer or if only one breast has confirmed diagnosis of breast cancer and the original treatment plan includes bilateral mastectomy
- Request for lumpectomy/partial mastectomy 19301 must first have a biopsy proven diagnosis of breast cancer to be covered.

### BREAST RECONSTRUCTION AFTER TREATMENT OF BREAST CANCER:

- Procedures are considered reconstructive when intended to address a significant variation from normal, secondary to surgery for breast cancer
- Breast reconstruction surgery can be authorized at the same time as the mastectomy if performed at the same time
- Breast surgery to rebuild the normal contour of the affected and the contralateral unaffected breast to produce a more normal appearance, is considered reconstructive following a mastectomy, lumpectomy, or other breast surgery to treat breast cancer. Reconstructive surgery must occur within twenty-four (24) months of the original breast cancer surgery
- Procedures are considered cosmetic when intended to change a physical appearance that would be considered within normal human variation. Cosmetic services are often described as those that are primarily intended to preserve or improve appearance. Photographic documentation of asymmetry may be required