

Subject: Sterilization

Policy

CareSource provides coverage for sterilization when it meets the criteria for those services as outlined in this policy. The physician is responsible for obtaining the state-appropriate signed informed consent form from the member.

Definitions

“Sterilization,” means any medical procedure, treatment, or operation for the purpose of rendering an individual permanently incapable of reproducing. *(From 42 CFR 441.251)*

Provider Reimbursement Guidelines

Prior Authorization

CareSource requires prior authorization for inpatient voluntary sterilization of eligible members.

Covered sterilization services include:

- Management and evaluation (office) visits and consultations for the purpose of providing sterilization services;
- Health education and counseling visits for the purpose of providing sterilization services;
- Medical/surgical services/procedures provided in association with the provision of sterilization services;
- Laboratory tests and procedures provided in association with the provision of sterilization services;
- Drugs administered in accordance with sterilization services; and
- Supplies provided in accordance with the provision of sterilization services.

Billing

Providers are responsible for using the appropriate CPT codes on their invoices.

Reimbursement

CareSource will reimburse Medicaid providers for sterilization services only if all the following requirements are met:

- The Member is at least 21 years of age at the time of the informed consent.
- The Member is mentally competent and not institutionalized.

- Sterilization is the result of a voluntary request for services by a Member legally capable of consenting to such a procedure.
- The Member is given a thorough explanation of the procedure. In instances where the individual is blind, deaf or otherwise handicapped or unable to understand the language of the consent, an interpreter must be provided for interpretation.
- Informed consent is obtained on the state-appropriate forms, which are located on the CareSource website under the Provider section and in the “Supplements/ Forms” section of the CareSource manual, with appropriate, legible signature(s) and submitted to our health plan with the claim. Informed consent is not obtained while the individual to be sterilized is in labor or childbirth seeking to obtain or obtaining an abortion, or under the influence of alcohol or other substances that affect the individual’s state of awareness.
- The procedure is scheduled at least 30 days, but not more than 180 days, after the consent is signed.

These requirements are applicable to all sterilizations when the primary intent of the sterilizing procedure is fertility control.

Related Policies & References

OAC 5160-21, “Medicaid covered reproductive health services, preconception care services.”

907 KAR 1:054. Primary care center and federally-qualified health center services

KAR 3:005 Section 4-10 Physician Services

State Exceptions

NONE

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