

## New Documentation Requirements for Plastic Surgery Procedures

**Q: What is the purpose of this notification?**

**A:** Effective **July 1, 2024**, Neighborhood is implementing new documentation requirements for preapproval of [panniculectomies](#) and breast reduction procedures. This is a medical cost action initiative intended to confirm the medical necessity of these procedures.

**Q: What new documentation will be required?**

**A:** Newly required documentation includes office notes on treatments and outcomes, chronic conditions, and medication history.

**Q: What procedures are affected by these new requirements?**

**A:** The new documentation requirements only apply to panniculectomies and breast reductions to treat hypertrophy in females and gynecomastia in males.

**Q: Do these requirements apply to all lines of business?**

**A:** Yes, these requirements apply to all Neighborhood lines of business.

**Q: Where can providers find more information on the criteria Neighborhood follows for these procedures?**

**A:** Providers can refer to the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#) and the [Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services](#) for additional information. Providers can also use the InterQual Transparency Tool located on Neighborhood's [Policies and Guidelines page](#).

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