

Rhinoplasty

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Definitions

Rhinoplasty is a plastic surgical procedure of the nose to correct external nasal deformity while maintaining, restoring or improving nasal function.

Guideline

(See also Cosmetic Surgery and Septoplasty guidelines)

Members are eligible for rhinoplasty when **either** of the following criteria is met and high quality photographs are provided in four views (right and left lateral, anterior, and base or worm's view):¹

1. Performed in conjunction with a septoplasty for nasal airway obstruction when the nasal deformity contributes to the airway obstruction and septoplasty criteria are met.
2. Performed as part of reconstruction for severe deformity when documented obstructive breathing symptoms secondary to any of the following are present:
 - Excision of a nasal abscess.
 - Excision of a malignant mass.
 - Osteomyelitis.
 - Cleft lip and/or palate repair.

¹ The Plan must receive substantiating documentation that demonstrates the presence of nasal obstruction as a prerequisite to a medical necessity evaluation by a Medical Director.

- Nasal trauma or injury within a 1-year period that resulted in significant deviation of the nasal pyramid or a creation of a significant dorsal hump. Documentation of care by physician at time of the trauma and x-ray evidence of fracture of the nasal bones or facial bones must be submitted upon request.

Limitations/Exclusions

Rhinoplasty is not covered when any of the following are applicable:

1. Performed solely to change appearance in the absence of any signs or symptoms of functional abnormalities or nasal defects, as this would be considered cosmetic.
2. For treatment of polyps, as this condition does not cause severe deformity necessitating rhinoplasty.

Applicable Diagnosis Codes

147.3	Malignant neoplasm of anterior wall of nasopharynx
160.0	Malignant neoplasm of nasal cavities
160.8	Malignant neoplasm of other sites of nasal cavities, middle ear, and accessory sinuses
160.9	Malignant neoplasm of site of nasal cavities, middle ear, and accessory sinus, unspecified site
170.0	Malignant neoplasm of bones of skull and face, except mandible
172.3	Malignant melanoma of skin of other and unspecified parts of face
173.3	Other malignant neoplasm of skin of other and unspecified parts of face
195.0	Malignant neoplasm of head, face, and neck
197.3	Secondary malignant neoplasm of other respiratory organs
198.2	Secondary malignant neoplasm of skin
198.5	Secondary malignant neoplasm of bone and bone marrow
198.89	Secondary malignant neoplasm of other specified sites
231.8	Carcinoma in situ of other specified parts of respiratory system
232.3	Carcinoma in situ of skin of other and unspecified parts of face
234.8	Carcinoma in situ of other specified sites
478.19	Other diseases of nasal cavity and sinuses (nasal abscess)
730.08	Acute osteomyelitis, other specified site
730.18	Chronic osteomyelitis, other specified sites
730.28	Unspecified osteomyelitis, other specified sites
749.00	Unspecified cleft palate
749.01	Unilateral cleft palate, complete
749.02	Unilateral cleft palate, incomplete
749.03	Bilateral cleft palate, complete
749.04	Bilateral cleft palate, incomplete
749.10	Unspecified cleft lip
749.11	Unilateral cleft lip, complete
749.12	Unilateral cleft lip, incomplete
749.13	Bilateral cleft lip, complete

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749.14	Bilateral cleft lip, incomplete
749.20	Unspecified cleft palate with cleft lip
749.21	Unilateral cleft palate with cleft lip, complete
749.22	Unilateral cleft palate with cleft lip, incomplete
749.23	Bilateral cleft palate with cleft lip, complete
749.24	Bilateral cleft palate with cleft lip, incomplete
749.25	Other combinations of cleft palate with cleft lip
802.0	Nasal bones, closed fracture
802.1	Nasal bones, open fracture
873.20	Open wound of nose, unspecified site, without mention of complication
873.21	Open wound of nasal septum, without mention of complication
873.22	Open wound of nasal cavity, without mention of complication
873.23	Open wound of nasal sinus, without mention of complication
873.29	Open wound of nose, multiple sites, without mention of complication
873.30	Open wound of nose, unspecified site, complicated
873.31	Open wound of nasal septum, complicated
873.32	Open wound of nasal cavity, complicated
873.33	Open wound of nasal sinus, complicated
873.39	Open wound of nose, multiple sites, complicated
925.1	Crushing injury of face and scalp
941.25	Blisters, with epidermal loss due to burn (second degree) of nose (septum)
941.35	Full-thickness skin loss due to burn (third degree NOS) of nose (septum)
941.45	Deep necrosis of underlying tissues due to burn (deep third degree) of nose (septum), without mention of loss of a body part
959.09	Injury of face and neck

Applicable Procedure Codes

30400	Rhinoplasty, primary; lateral and alar cartilages and/or elevation of nasal tip
30410	Rhinoplasty, primary; complete, external parts including bony pyramid, lateral and alar cartilages, and/or elevation of nasal tip
30420	Rhinoplasty, primary; including major septal repair
30430	Rhinoplasty, secondary; minor revision (small amount of nasal tip work)
30435	Rhinoplasty, secondary; intermediate revision (bony work with osteotomies)
30450	Rhinoplasty, secondary; major revision (nasal tip work and osteotomies)
30460	Rhinoplasty for nasal deformity secondary to congenital cleft lip and/or palate, including columellar lengthening; tip only
30462	Rhinoplasty for nasal deformity secondary to congenital cleft lip and/or palate, including columellar lengthening; tip, septum, osteotomies

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