

Rhinoplasty

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Definitions

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

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Guideline

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.
 - Nasal trauma or injury within a 18 month period that resulted in significant deviation of the nasal pyramid or a creation of a significant dorsal hump. Documentation of care by

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.

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 not causing severe deformity.

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

Applicable ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes

C11.3	Malignant neoplasm of anterior wall of nasopharynx
C30.0	Malignant neoplasm of nasal cavity
C43.31	Malignant melanoma of nose
J34.0	Abscess, furuncle and carbuncle of nose
J34.1	Cyst and mucocele of nose and nasal sinus
J34.89	Other specified disorders of nose and nasal sinuses
J34.9	Unspecified disorder of nose and nasal sinuses
M86.68	Other chronic osteomyelitis, other site
M86.8X8	Other osteomyelitis, other site
M95.0	Acquired deformity of nose
Q35.1	Cleft hard palate
Q35.3	Cleft soft palate
Q35.5	Cleft hard palate with cleft soft palate
Q35.9	Cleft palate, unspecified
Q36.0	Cleft lip, bilateral

Q36.1	Cleft lip, median
Q36.9	Cleft lip, unilateral
Q37.0	Cleft hard palate with bilateral cleft lip
Q37.1	Cleft hard palate with unilateral cleft lip
Q37.2	Cleft soft palate with bilateral cleft lip
Q37.3	Cleft soft palate with unilateral cleft lip
Q37.4	Cleft hard and soft palate with bilateral cleft lip
Q37.5	Cleft hard and soft palate with unilateral cleft lip
Q37.8	Unspecified cleft palate with bilateral cleft lip
Q37.9	Unspecified cleft palate with unilateral cleft lip
S00.30XA	Unspecified superficial injury of nose, initial encounter
S01.20XA	Unspecified open wound of nose, initial encounter
S01.25XA	Open bite of nose, initial encounter
S02.2xxA	Fracture of nasal bones, initial encounter for closed fracture
S02.2xxB	Fracture of nasal bones, initial encounter for open fracture
S07.0xxA	Crushing injury of face, initial encounter
S08.811A	Complete traumatic amputation of nose, initial encounter
S08.812A	Partial traumatic amputation of nose, initial encounter

References

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