



Gates UHC Medical Plans – Gender Dysphoria Coverage

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2021 Gender Dysphoria Coverage Summary (All Plans)

Benefits for the treatment of Gender Dysphoria limited to the following services:

- Psychotherapy for Gender Dysphoria and associated co-morbid psychiatric diagnoses are provided as described under *Mental Health Services* in your SPD.
- Cross-sex hormone therapy:
 - Cross-sex hormone therapy administered by a medical provider (for example during an office visit) is provided as described under *Pharmaceutical Products – Outpatient* in your SPD.
- Puberty suppressing medication injected or implanted by a medical provider in a clinical setting.
- Laboratory testing to monitor the safety of continuous cross-sex hormone therapy.
- Surgery for the treatment for Gender Dysphoria, including the surgeries listed below:

Male to Female:

- Clitoroplasty (creation of clitoris)
- Labiaplasty (creation of labia)
- Orchiectomy (removal of testicles)
- Penectomy (removal of penis)
- Urethroplasty (reconstruction of female urethra)
- Vaginoplasty (creation of vagina)

Female to Male:

- Bilateral mastectomy or breast reduction
- Hysterectomy (removal of uterus)
- Metoidioplasty (creation of penis, using clitoris)
- Penile prosthesis
- Phalloplasty (creation of penis)
- Salpingo-oophorectomy (removal of fallopian tubes and ovaries)
- Scrotoplasty (creation of scrotum)
- Testicular prosthesis
- Urethroplasty (reconstruction of male urethra)
- Vaginectomy (removal of vagina)
- Vulvectomy (removal of vulva)



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Genital Surgery and Bilateral Mastectomy or Breast Reduction Surgery Documentation Requirements:

The Covered Person must provide documentation of the following for breast surgery:

■ A written psychological assessment from at least one qualified behavioral health provider experienced in treating Gender Dysphoria. The assessment must document that the Covered Person meets all of the following criteria:

- Persistent, well-documented Gender Dysphoria.
- Capacity to make a fully informed decision and to consent for treatment.
- Must be 18 years or older.
- If significant medical or mental health concerns are present, they must be reasonably well controlled.

The Covered Person must provide documentation of the following for genital surgery:

■ A written psychological assessment from at least two qualified behavioral health providers experienced in treating Gender Dysphoria, who have independently assessed the Covered Person. The assessment must document that the Covered Person meets all of the following criteria.

- Persistent, well-documented Gender Dysphoria.
- Capacity to make a fully informed decision and to consent for treatment.
- Must 18 years or older.
- If significant medical or mental health concerns are present, they must be reasonably well controlled.
- Complete at least 12 months of successful continuous full-time real-life experience in the desired gender.
- Complete 12 months of continuous cross-sex hormone therapy appropriate for the desired gender (unless medically contraindicated).



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Services Not Covered:

Cosmetic Procedures, including the following:

- Abdominoplasty.
- Blepharoplasty.
- Breast enlargement, including augmentation mammoplasty and breast implants.
- Body contouring, such as lipoplasty.
- Brow lift.
- Calf implants.
- Cheek, chin, and nose implants.
- Injection of fillers or neurotoxins.
- Face lift, forehead lift, or neck tightening.
- Facial bone remodeling for facial feminizations.
- Hair removal.
- Hair transplantation.
- Lip augmentation.
- Lip reduction.
- Liposuction.
- Mastopexy.
- Pectoral implants for chest masculinization.
- Rhinoplasty.
- Skin resurfacing.
- Thyroid cartilage reduction; reduction thyroid chondroplasty; trachea shave (removal or reduction of the Adam's Apple).
- Voice modification surgery.
- Voice lessons and voice therapy.