Breast augmentation (e.g. implants/lipofilling) may be considered **MEDICALLY NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE** in male-to-female members when criteria in section I AND the following criteria are met:

- The member is at least 18 years of age (legal age of majority in Minnesota). Requests for breast surgery for a member younger than 18 years of age will be reviewed by medical director; and
- Persistent, well-documented gender dysphoria; and
- Capacity to make a fully informed decision and to give consent to treatment; and
- If significant medical or mental health concerns are present, they must be reasonably well-controlled.

**NOTE:** Hormone therapy is not a prerequisite for breast augmentation for male-to-female members. The *Standards of Care for the Health of Transsexual, Transgender, and Gender Nonconforming People* Version 7 from the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) state the following: "Although not an explicit criterion, it is recommended that MtF (male-to-female) patients undergo feminizing hormone therapy (minimum 12 months) prior to breast augmentation surgery. The purpose is to maximize breast growth in order to obtain better surgical (aesthetic) results."

**Body Contouring**

Surgical procedures to alter the gender-specific appearance of a member who has undergone or is planning to undergo gender reassignment surgery, include but are not limited to: ...

- Liposuction

**Facial Reconstruction**

Surgical procedures to alter the gender-specific appearance of a member who has undergone or is planning to undergo gender reassignment surgery, include but are not limited to:

- Facial hair removal
- Blepharoplasty
- Face lift
- Facial bone reconstruction
- Rhinoplasty
- Liposuction
- Reduction thyroid chondroplasty