



University of California, Santa Barbara Gaucho Health Insurance Plan

Gender Reassignment Surgery Benefits

Policy Year 2017-2018

At UCSB, we understand the decision to seek gender reassignment services is a very important one.

The University and Aetna commit to assisting you through this time.

What is covered under the UCSB GHI Plan?

Description of Services	Preferred Benefit*	Non-Preferred Benefit	Pre-Certification Required?	Available at Student Health Service?
Gender Reassignment Surgery (Gonadectomy, Genital Reconstructive Surgery)	80%	50%	Yes	No
Mastectomy (Female to Male patients)	80%	50%	Yes	No
Hormone Therapy (Benefits are payable under the pharmacy portion of the Plan)	Generic \$10 Copay Brand Name \$35 Copay Non-Preferred Brand Name \$50 Copay	Generic \$10 Copay Brand Name \$35 Copay Non-Preferred Brand Name \$50 Copay	No	Yes
Behavioral Health (gender reassignment counseling)	Copay waived for first three office visits (\$15 Copay after third visit, covered 100% after)	50%	Yes	Yes
Physical Therapy (post gender reassignment surgery therapy)	\$25 copay, covered 100% after (equipment, i.e. exercise bands, incur 20% charge)	50%	Yes	Yes

*Coverage starts at UCSB Student Health Service. Please be sure to obtain a referral to avoid penalties.

Where can I go for more information?

	Contact	Contact Information
Referral Process	UCSB Student Health Service	(805) 893-2592
Benefits and Precertification Process	Aetna Student Health	(855) 821-9712
Preferred Providers in Your Area	Aetna Student Health	(855) 821-9712

Information regarding criteria for Gender Reassignment Surgery coverage can be found in our Aetna Clinical Policy Bulletin (#0615) at:

http://www.aetna.com/cpb/medical/data/600_699/0615.html.

Where should I go for services?

In addition to the providers below, University of California, Santa Barbara has providers specializing in Gender Dysphoria, Dr. Janet Osimo, Ph.D. and Dr. Karen Dias, Ph.D. Please contact CAPS at (805) 893-4411 or come to CAPS building for urgent needs. You may request that your intake appointment be done on a day that she is on duty. There is no charge for visits. The following is a list of preferred providers located in CA who are within the Aetna PPO network and offer services related to Gender Reassignment Surgery.

Provider Name	Specialty	Services Provided	Location	Phone Number
Regina Baker	Plastic Surgery	Female to male top surgery	Los Angeles, CA	323-442-7903
Shereen Beverly	Obstetrics/Gynecology	Hysterectomy	Hawthorne, CA	310-303-3170
Ben Childers	Plastic Surgery	Female to male top surgery	Riverside, CA	951-781-4339
Andrew Epstein	Urology	Orchiectomy	Palo Alto, CA	650-853-4975
Maurice Garcia	Urology	Female to male top surgery	San Francisco, CA	415-353-3333
Katherine Hsiao	Gynecology	Hysterectomy	San Francisco, CA	415-476-0761
Jennifer Israel	Obstetrics/Gynecology	Hysterectomy	Los Angeles, CA	323-442-8974
Alison Jacoby	Obstetrics/Gynecology	Hysterectomy	San Francisco, CA	415-885-7788
Melissa Johnson	Obstetrics/Gynecology	Female to male top surgery	Dublin, CA	510-204-2900
John Kowalczyk	Urology	Orchiectomy	Los Angeles, CA	323-964-1440
Shahryar Masouem	Obstetrics/Gynecology	Hysterectomy	Whittier, CA	562-789-6200
Marilyn Milkman	Obstetrics/Gynecology	Hysterectomy	San Francisco, CA	415-674-2600
Scott Mosser	Plastic Surgery	Female to male top surgery	San Francisco, CA	415-398-7778
Kathryn O'Hanlan	Gynecology	Female to male top surgery	Portola Valley, CA	650-851-6669
Laura Rogers	Internal Medicine	Female to male top surgery	San Diego, CA	619-610-9790

Please contact the provider's office to reconfirm services offered and contract status.

What is NOT covered under the UCSB GHI Plan?

The following procedures that may be performed as a component of a gender reassignment are considered as cosmetic under the current GHI Plan (not an all-inclusive list; see also [CPB 0031 - Cosmetic Surgery](#)):

Abdominoplasty	Chin/nose implants	Hair transplantation	Neck tightening	Removal of redundant skin
Blepharoplasty	Collagen injections	Jaw reduction/contouring	Nipple reconstruction	Rhinoplasty
Brow lift	Construction of clitoral hood	Lip reduction	Nose implants	Tracheal shave
Calf implants	Forehead lift	Liposuction	OTC drugs for hair loss or growth	Travel expenses
Cheek/malar implants	Hair removal (e.g. electrolysis)	Mastopexy	Pectoral implants	Voice therapy/voice lessons

*Some of the above services are included as part of other surgical procedures (e.g. construction of clitoral hood & nipple reconstruction).