

INSURANCE COMPANY

Dear Insurance Company,

I am writing to express my concern regarding your recent decision to not allow the HCPS code S2068 for DIEP flap reconstruction surgery. As someone who --- has been personally affected by breast cancer --- { was diagnosed with breast cancer } ---- {has genetic mutation/high risk of breast cancer and am planning to undergo prophylactic mastectomy and reconstruction} ---- having the access to choose my course of treatment, including the kind of reconstruction I have is an essential right. Removing this code and rolling the DIEP flap into an older, outdated procedure code (19364) does not accurately reflect the work being done or the skill and care required. It causes a roadblock to the progress made in access to healthcare and directly contradicts the Women's Health and Cancer Right Act of 1998.

By imposing policies to manipulate the coverage and reimbursement of this reconstructive procedure, you are impinging on patients' right to choose the course of their care. I was shocked to learn that your company will no longer be accepting this code.

Furthermore, I would like to point out that DIEP flap reconstruction is a lifelong solution that uses my own tissue, carries fewer long-term risks, and has lower rates of complications and long-term re-operation than other options (such as breast implants) therefore having a lower overall cost burden to the healthcare system.

Given these facts, I urge you to uphold the patients right to choose and reconsider your decision and continue to cover DIEP flap reconstruction using the code S2068.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

{ Your Name }