



Coding for Transition-Related Services for Transgender Patients

According to the standards of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH Standard of Care), transition-related services are a medical necessity for many transgender patients. In three 2008 resolutions, the American Medical Association established support of private and public insurance coverage of treatment for gender identity disorder (GID).

In spite of the advocacy of many professional organizations, transgender patients are routinely denied treatment for the diagnosis of GID by both public and private insurance.

Supportive Professional Associations

American Medical Association
 American Psychological Association
 American Academy of Family Physicians
 National Association of Social Workers
 World Professional Association for Transgender Health
 National Commission on Correctional Health Care
 American Public Health Association

While insurance carriers often deny claims based on GID, they may approve requests for related treatment.

The following tables illustrate guidelines for obtaining medically necessary services for related issues.

Please note: This purpose of this face sheet is not to replace sound medical judgment but to inform health care providers of related diagnoses.

ICD-9 Codes Related to Gender Identity Disorder

Routinely Denied ICD-9 Codes

ICD-9 Code	Description
302.51	Trans-sexualism with asexual history
302.52	Trans-sexualism with homosexual history
302.53	Trans-sexualism with heterosexual history
302.6	GID in children
302.85	GID of adolescence or adult life

Related ICD-9 Codes

General (adults)

ICD-9 Code	Description
257.2	Other testicular hypofunction
256.39	Other ovarian failure
259.9	Unspecified endocrine disorder
752.7	Indeterminate sex and pseudohermaphroditism
302.9	Unspecified psychosexual disorder
309.9	Unspecified adjustment reaction

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ICD-9 Codes Related to Gender Identity Disorder

Related ICD-9 Codes, continued	Description
General (adults), continued	
V58.69	Long term (current) use of other medications
V58.83	Encounter for therapeutic drug monitoring
For transgender men (FTM) whose insurance lists them as male	
611.1	Hypertrophy of breast
For transgender men (FTM) whose insurance lists them as female	
256.9	Unspecified ovarian dysfunction
629.9	Unspecified disorder of female genital organs
626.1	Scanty or infrequent menstruation
626.0	Absence of menstruation (primary and secondary)
625.0	Dyspareunia
625.70	Vulvodynia unspecified
624.2	Hypertrophy of clitoris (excludes due to endocrine disorders)
611.71	Mastodynia
256.4	Polycystic ovaries
For transgender women (MTF) whose insurance lists them as female	
611.71	Mastodynia (breast pain)
612.0	Deformity of reconstructed breast
For transgender women (MTF) whose insurance lists them as male	
608.3	Atrophy of testis
608.9	Unspecified disorder of male genital organs
611.1	Hypertrophy of breast
257.1	Postablative testicular hypofunction
257.9	Unspecified testicular hypofunction
Additional Psychological Disorders	
309.81	Posttraumatic stress disorder
309.82	Adjustment reaction with physical symptoms
300.02	Generalized anxiety disorder
V15.41	History of physical abuse
V15.42	History of emotional abuse