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REQUIREMENTS FOR PANNICULECTOMY SURGERY **CPT Codes 15830 and 15847**

Insurance companies have certain requirements for panniculectomy surgeries to meet medical necessity.

Below is a list of the **MINIMUM** requirements. This is not an all-inclusive list. Certain insurance payers have additional criteria. It is the patient's responsibility to determine if the codes are covered benefits with their specific insurance plan.

- Pannus (skin of the lower abdomen) has to hang AT or BELOW the level of the pubis. This has to be documented in pictures.
- Evidence of extreme rashing, boils, ulceration, etc. We will need pictures that clearly document the rashing.
- Medication names prescribed by physicians specifically to treat the rashing caused by the excessive skin of the pannus. Treatments with medications need to be for a MINIMUM of 3 MONTHS duration.
- Documented stable weight of AT LEAST the past 6 months. For patients who are post bariatric surgery, patient needs to be AT LEAST 18 months out from surgery. Some insurance plans require a 24 month period.
- At least ONE supporting letter or chart notes from another physician that documents/supports the need for this surgery and that past treatments have failed. This period of time needs to be a MINIMUM of 3 MONTHS of failed treatment.

I have read and understand the above requirements. I also understand that obtaining an approval from insurance does not guarantee payment.

Patient Name

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