Finally, it is important to take the necessary steps to ensure that the surgery is successful. This includes following your doctor's instructions closely, avoiding any activities that could put you at risk for complications, and getting the proper follow-up care. It is also important to understand how to manage any pain or discomfort that may occur after the surgery.

By understanding the coverage you have with Northwind Health Plus and the risks associated with surgery, you can make an informed decision about your healthcare needs. With the right coverage and the right care, you can ensure that you receive the care you need to stay healthy and happy.

## **Surgical Center Care – Outpatient**

Surgical Center Care - Outpatient

The Northwind Health Plus plan covers surgical center care when performed on an outpatient basis. This includes services such as diagnostic tests, minor surgeries, and procedures that are typically done in a surgical center. All services must be medically necessary, and prior authorization may be required for some services.

## **Exceptions**

There are some exceptions to coverage for surgical center care. The plan does not cover cosmetic or elective procedures, experimental treatments, or services for which the patient is not eligible under the plan. In addition, the plan does not cover any services that are not considered medically necessary.

## Tips

Before scheduling any outpatient surgical procedure, it is important to make sure that the procedure is covered by the Northwind Health Plus plan. Your provider should be able to provide you with information about coverage for the procedure. It is also important to make sure that the provider is in-network under the plan. You can find a provider in-network by visiting the Northwind Health website.

Prior authorization is required for some services, so it is important to make sure you have prior authorization before the procedure is scheduled. Your provider should be able to provide more information about the prior authorization process.

If you have any questions about coverage for a specific procedure, you should contact Northwind Health customer service. They can provide you with more information about your plan's coverage and any applicable limits or exclusions.

It is important to remember that the Northwind Health Plus plan covers only medically necessary services. Non-essential services, such as elective or cosmetic procedures, are not covered.