

## THIS DOCUMENT WAS RECEIVED IN

APPEAL PO BOX 30432 or FAX 801-938-2100, SLC, UT-RMO WEST

FAX

03/24/2021 1201

United Health Group - West, Central and Cirrus RMO
Operated by Firstsource Solutions
1355 South 4700 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84104

# **UnitedHealthcare®**



# RECEIVED VIA FAX/FTP

# BEST COPY AVAILABLE DO NOT Return to the RMO for Rescan

Cleveland Clinic ChrisTina L. Reed, Coordinator Center for LGBT Care Transgender Medicine and Surgery Program 9500 Euclid Avenue, A81 Cleveland, OH 44195

> Secure VM: 216-445-6308 Secure FX: 216-636-1963 Secure e-mail: reedc@ccf.org

March 23, 2021

(Page 3 of 20)

UHC CENTRAL ESCALATION UNIT

Fax: 801-567-5498 cc APPEALS

Fax: 801-938-2100

Attending Physician NPI: 1053609453 Attending Physician: Bahar Bassiri Servicing Facility NPI: 1679525919 Servicing Facility: Cleveland Clinic 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland OH 44195

Servicing Facility Tax ID: 340714585

Outpatient surgical procedure:

19325 (CPT®) MAMMOPLASTY [ENLARGE BREAST WITH IMPLANT] 19357 (CPT) Bilateral Breast Tissue Expanders ICD10: F64.9 GENDER DYSPHORIA

Jessica Johnston is a mature, well-adjusted woman who has met the eligibility requirements outlined by WPATH:

- Has had persistent long-term gender dysphoria since 8 years of age,
- Is over 18 years of age and has the capacity to make a fully informed decision and consent for treatment.
- She has demonstrated understanding of chest feminization and the implications of this irreversible step and is of stable mental health, sufficiently self-aware, and successfully managing identified Issues with depression and agrees to continue care with her qualified mental health care team during the perioperative period,
- Has been receiving feminizing hormone treatment for approximately 3 years, has been living in a female gender role, congruent with her identity for 3 years and has legally changed her name and updated her gender marker with state and federal government authorities.

Surgery will consist of Intersex surgery: male to female chest reconstruction (mammoplasty) with prosthesis. Gender-affirming procedures are critical steps in helping transgender patients reach identity actualization and maximal quality of life and breast surgery has been cited as one of the most important-and sometimes only-procedure sought by transfeminine patients. Complications for transfeminine

SCX-445 SCX-470 SCX-495 SCX-525 SCX-545 SCX-560 SCX-580 SCX-615 SCX-650 SCX-700	SSX-445 SSX-470 SSX-525 SSX-545 SSX-560 SSX-580 SSX-615 SSX-650 SSX-700	SRX-445 SRX-470 SRX-525 SRX-545 SRX-560 SRX-580 SRX-615 SRX-650 SRX-700	445 470 495 525 545 560 580 615 650 700	12.00 12.25 12.75 13.00 13.25 13.75 14.00 14.25	6.0 6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4 6.5 6.6
		SRX-650	650	14.00	6.5

# STYLES SCF, SSF, & SRF

#### **FULL PROFILE**

Encounter Date: 03/02/2021

			Volume (cc)	Diameter (cm)	Projection (cm)
SCF-180 SCF-200	SSF-180 SSF-200	SRF-180 SRF-200	180	9.50	4.0
SCF-220	SSF-220	SRF-220	200 220	9.75 10.00	4.1 4.2
SCF-240 SCF-265	SSF-240 SSF-265	SRF-240 SRF-265	240 265	10.50 11.00	4,3 4.4
SCF-295 SCF-325	SSF-295	SRF-295	295	11.25	4.5
SCF-335	SSF-325 SSF-335	SRF-325 SRF-335	325 335	11.40 11.50	4.6 4.7
SCF-345 SCF-365	SSF-345 SSF-365	SRF-345 SRF-365	345 365	11.75 12.00	4.8 4.9
SCF-385	SSF-385	SRF-385	385	12.25	5.0
SCF-415 SCF-450	SSF-415 SSF-450	SRF-415 SRF-450	415 450	12,50 12,75	5.1 5.3
SCF-485 SCF-520	SSF-485 SSF-520	SRF-485 SRF-520	485 520	13.00 13.25	5.4 5.5
SCF-560	SSF-560	SRF-560	560	13.50	5.7
SCF-605 SCF-650	SSF-605 SSF-650	SRF-605 SRF-650	605 650	14.00 14.50	5.8 5.9
SCF-695 SCF-745	SSF-695 SSF-745	SRF-695 SRF-745	695 745	14.75	6.0
SCF-770	SSF-770	SRF-770	770	15.00 15.50	6.1 6.0

#### STYLES SCM, SSM, & SRM

# MODERATE PROFILE

			Volume (cc)	Diameter (cm)	Projection (cm)
SCM-140	SSM-140	SRM-140	140	9.50	3.0
SCM-175	SSM-175	SRM-175	175	10.00	3.3
SCM-195	SSM-195	SRM-195	195	10.25	3.4
SCM-210	SSM-210	SRM-210	210	10.50	3.5
SCM-240	SSM-240	SRM-240	240	11.00	3.7

1

Encounter Date: 03/02/2021

SSM-255 SSM-275	SRM-255 SRM-275	255 275	11.25	3.8
SSM-295				3.9 3.9
SSM-310	SRM-310	310		4.0
SSM-330	SRM-330	330	12.25	4.1
SSM-345	SRM-345	345	12.50	4,2
SSM-360	SRM-360	360		4.2
SSM-375	SRM-375	375	13.00	4.3
SSM-405	SRM-405	405	13.25	4.4
SSM-445	SRM-445	445	, ,,,	4.5
SSM-485	SRM-485	485	14.00	4.6
SSM-520	SRM-520	520	14.50	4.8
\$SM-560	SRM-560	560	14.75	4.9
SSM-600	SRM-600			4.9
SSM-640	SRM-640			5.0
SSM-685	SRM-685			5.2
SSM-755	SRM-755	755	16.50	5.0
	SSM-275 SSM-295 SSM-310 SSM-345 SSM-345 SSM-375 SSM-405 SSM-445 SSM-486 SSM-520 SSM-560 SSM-600 SSM-640 SSM-685	SSM-275 SRM-275 SSM-295 SRM-296 SSM-310 SRM-310 SSM-330 SRM-330 SSM-345 SRM-345 SSM-360 SRM-360 SSM-375 SRM-375 SSM-405 SRM-405 SSM-445 SRM-445 SSM-485 SRM-485 SSM-520 SRM-520 SSM-560 SRM-560 SSM-600 SRM-600 SSM-640 SRM-640 SSM-685 SRM-685	SSM-275         SRM-275         275           SSM-295         SRM-295         295           SSM-310         SRM-310         310           SSM-310         SRM-310         330           SSM-330         SRM-330         330           SSM-345         SRM-345         345           SSM-360         SRM-360         360           SSM-375         SRM-375         375           SSM-405         SRM-405         405           SSM-445         SRM-445         445           SSM-485         SRM-485         485           SSM-520         SRM-520         520           SSM-560         SRM-560         560           SSM-600         SRM-600         600           SSM-640         SRM-640         640           SSM-685         SRM-685         685	SSM-275         SRM-275         275         11.50           SSM-295         SRM-295         295         11.75           SSM-310         SRM-310         310         12.00           SSM-330         SRM-330         330         12.25           SSM-345         SRM-345         345         12.50           SSM-360         SRM-360         360         12.75           SSM-375         SRM-375         375         13.00           SSM-405         SRM-405         405         13.25           SSM-445         SRM-445         445         13.50           SSM-485         SRM-485         485         14.00           SSM-520         SRM-520         520         14.50           SSM-560         SRM-560         560         14.75           SSM-600         SRM-600         600         15.00           SSM-640         SRM-640         640         15.50           SSM-685         SRM-685         685         16.00

## STYLES SCLP, SSLP, & SRLP

#### LOW-PLUS PROFILE

	Volume (cc)	Diameter (cm)	Projection (cm)
SCLP-125 SSLP-125 SRLP-125 SCLP-145 SSLP-145 SRLP-145 SRLP-165 SCLP-165 SSLP-165 SRLP-165 SCLP-190 SSLP-190 SRLP-205 SCLP-205 SSLP-205 SRLP-220 SCLP-220 SSLP-220 SRLP-235 SCLP-250 SSLP-250 SRLP-250 SCLP-250 SSLP-265 SRLP-250 SCLP-265 SSLP-265 SRLP-265 SCLP-260 SSLP-260 SRLP-280 SCLP-300 SSLP-300 SRLP-300 SCLP-300 SSLP-300 SRLP-320 SCLP-340 SSLP-340 SRLP-340 SCLP-360 SSLP-360 SRLP-360 SCLP-400 SSLP-360 SRLP-360 SCLP-400 SSLP-400 SRLP-440 SCLP-490 SSLP-490 SRLP-490 SCLP-590 SSLP-590 SRLP-590 SCLP-590 SSLP-590 SRLP-590 SCLP-640	125 145 165 190 205 220 235 265 280 320 340 340 440 440 490 540 540	9.50 10.00 10.50 11.00 11.25 11.50 12.25 12.50 12.75 13.00 13.25 13.50 14.00 15.50 16.00 16.50	2.5 2.7 2.8 9.0 2.3 3.1 3.3 3.5 3.6 3.9 4.2 4.3

STYLES SCL, SSL, & SRL

LOW PROFILE

Volume Diameter Projection (cm) (cc) (cm)

Encounter Date: 03/02/2021

SCL-110	SSL-110	SRL-110	110	10.00	2.0
SCL-125	SSL-125	SRL-125	125	10,25	2.0
SCL-140	SSL-140	SRL-140	140	10.50	2.1
SCL-170	SSL-170	SRL-170	170	11,00	2,2
SCL-200	SSL-200	SRL-200	200	11.50	2.3
SCL-230	SSL-230	SRL-230	230	12.00	2.4
SCL-260	SSL-260	SRL-260	260	12.50	2,5
SCL-290	SSL-290	SRL-290	290	13.00	2.6
SCL-320	SSL-320	SRL-320	320	13.50	2.7
SCL-350	SSL-350	SRL-350	350	14.00	2.8
SCL-380	SSL-380	SRL-380	380	14.50	2.9
SCL-410	SSL-410	SRL-410	410	15.00	3.0
SCL-460	SSL-460	SRL-460	460	15.50	3.1
SCL-510	SSL-510	SRL-510	510	16.00	3.2
SCL-560	SSL-560	SRL-560	560	16.50	3.3
SCL-610	SSL-610	SRL-610	610	17.00	3.4
			יארי יאר	7 7 × 747 747	20 A . 1

## SALINE

STYLE 68HP		HIGH	HIGH PROFILE/ANTERIOR DIAPHRAGM VALVE				
Dimensi	ons atMinim	um	Di	mensions	atMaximun	n Volume	
•	Volume						
Catalog	Fill Volume	Diam	Projecti	Diameter	Projection	Single-Use	
Number	(00)	eter	on	(cm)	(cm)	Sizer	
		(cm)	(cm)	, ,	,,		
68HP-160	160-175	9.0	3.9	8.8	4.3		
68HP-200	200-220	9.6	4.2	9.5	4.6	SZHP68200	
68HP-240	240-260	10.2	4.4	10.0	5.0		
68HP-280	280-300	10.6	4.7	10.5	5.2	SZHP68280	
68HP-320	320-340	11.1	4.9	11.0	5,3	SZHP68320	
68HP-350	350-380	11.6	4.9	11.4	5.5	SZHP68350	
68HP-400	400-430	11.9	5.0	11.7	5.9	SZHP68400	
68HP-425	425-455	12.3	5.3	12.1	5.9	SZHP68425	
68HP-465	465-505	12.6	5.6	12.5	6.1	SZHP68465	
68HP-500	500-540	13.Q	5.7	12,8	6.3	SZHP68500	
68HP-550	550-590	13,3	5.8	13,1	6.4	SZHP68550	
68HP-600	600-640	13.7	6.0	13.5	6.6		
68HP-650	650-700	14.0	6.1	13.8	6.9	SZHP68650	
68HP-700	700-750	14.4	6.2	14.1	7.1		
68HP-750	750-800	14.6	6.5	14.4	7.2	SZHP68750	
68HP-800	800-850	15.Q	6.7	14.7	7.2		

STYLE 68MP	MODERATE PROFILE/ANTERIOR
	DIAPHRAGM VALVE

Dimensions atMinimum Volume		Dimensions atMaximum Volume				
Catalog Number	Fill Volume (cc)	Diam eter (cm)	Projecti on (cm)	Diameter (cm)	Projection (cm)	Single-Use Sizer
68-120 68-150 68-180	120-150 150-180 180-210	9.0 9.6 10.2	3.0 3.3 3.4	8.9 9.5 10.1	3.5 3.8 3.9	<u></u>
68-210	210-240	10.6	3.7	10.1	છ. 4.1	SZ68180 SZ68210

(Page 7 of	20)	From: 2166361963	Page: 5/18	Date: 3/24/2021 12:01:29 PM
------------	-----	------------------	------------	-----------------------------

Johnston, Jessica (MRN 43815644) DOB: 01/13/1973 Encounter Date: 03/02/2021

68-240	240-270	11.1	3.8	11.0	4.2	SZ68240
68-270	270-300	11.6	3.9	11.5	4.3	SZ68270
68-300	300-330	11.9	4.1	11.8	4.4	SZ68300
68-330	330-360	12.3	4.2	12.2		
68-360				. — . —	4.5	SZ68330
	360-390	12.7	4.2	12.6	4.5	SZ68360
68-390	390-420	13.0	4.5	12.9	4.6	SZ68390
68-420	420-450	13.4	4.5	13.3	4.6	SZ68420
68-450	450-480	13.7	4.6	13.6	4.7	SZ68450
68-480	480-510	14.1	4.6	14.0	4.7	SZ68480
68-510	510-540	14.4	4.6	14.3	4.7	SZ68510
68-550	550-600	14.6	4.9	14.5	5.1	
68-600	600-650	15.0	5.0	14.9	5.2	Hitch Parameters and the Control of
68-650	650-700	15.2	5.3	15.1	5.5	SZ68650
68-700	700-750	15.6	5.4	15.5	5.6	<del></del>
68-750	750-800	15.9	5.6	15.8	5.8	***************************************
68-800	800-850	16.4	5.6	16.3	5.8	

# STYLE 68LP LOW PROFILE/ANTERIOR DIAPHRAGM VALVE Dimensions atMinimum Dimensions atMaximum Volume

Volume			man it is a man a ma				
Catalog	Fill	Diam	Projecti	DiameterF	Profession	Single-Use	
Number	Volume	eter	on	(cm)	(cm)	Sizer	
	(cc)	(cm)	(cm)	/	(4.1.7	4,241	
68LP-125	125-145	9.5	2.6	9,3	3.2		
68LP-150	150-170	10.0	2.7	9.9	3.2	SZLP68150	
68LP-175	175-195	10.6	2.8	10.4	3.3	SZLP68175	
68LP-200	200-220	11.0	3.0	10.9	3.4	SZLP68200	
68LP-225	225-245	11.4	3.1	11.3	3.4	SZLP68225	
68LP-250	250-270	11.9	3.2	11.7	3.5	***************************************	
68LP-275	275-295	12.2	3.3	12.1	3.6	SZLP68275	
68LP-300	300-320	12.5	3.4	12,4	3.7	SZLP68300	
68LP-325	325-345	12.9	3.5	12.7	3.8	SZLP68325	
68LP-350	350-370	13.3	3.6	13.2	3.8	SZLP68350	
68LP-400	400-420	13.5	3.8	13.4	4.2	SZLP68400	
68LP-420	420-440	13.9	3.9	13.8	4.1	SZLP68420	
68LP-440	440-460	14.2	3.9	14.1	4.1	***************************************	
68LP-480	480-500	14.5	4.0	14.4	4.3	SZLP68480	
68LP-525	525-545	14.8	4.2	14.7	4.5	SZLP68525	
68LP-550	550-570	15.1	4.3	15.0	4.5	SZLP68550	
68LP-600	600-620	15.4	4.4	15.3	4.6	SZLP68600	
68LP-640	840-660	15.8	4.5	15.7	4.7	SZLP68640	
68LP-680	680-700	16.2	4.5	16.1	4.7		

#### Assessment:

The patient is a ☑good □adequate □poor candidate for breast augmentation	
☐ The patient will need a mastopexy due to her level of ptosis and redundant skin ☐ The patient not need a mastopexy as she has minimal ptosis ☐ The patient might benefit from mastopexy due to moderate ptosis but her choice is results of augment alone and stage if necessary ☐ The patient would benefit from mastopexy and has chosen to stage the procedure.	

Photographs have been taken for planning purposes.

1

1

8 3

1

Encounter Date: 03/02/2021

1

#### Discussed about:

- Breast larger-breasts will never match!!!
- Nipple/areola higher on chest, will not be totally corrected
- Fold beneath breast higher on chest, will not be totally corrected
- Nipple position on the breast mounds is different on the two sides and cannot be totally corrected
- Gap between the breasts can be narrowed only somewhat; a gap of at least \_\_ cm will likely remain
- Chest wall asymmetries exist that cannot be corrected and will affect breast shape
- The position of the entire breast on the chest wall will not change. If one fold beneath the breast is lower than the other, it will also be lower after augmentation.
- The basic shape and configuration of the breasts will be similar to their current appearance and will not change drastically, but the breasts will be larger.
- Thinner tissue on the Inferior, lateral and superior surfaces of the breasts can result in implant palpability

Patient will perform sizing at home and f/u

PLANNED PROCEDURE: bilateral breast augmentation with implants/bilateral TE placement; I have discussed the procedure in detail with the patient and she understands the roles and tasks of the personnel to be involved; the alternatives to the procedure including fat grafting or observation. She understands the risks to include but not be limited to infection, bleeding (hematoma), pain, scar, need for re-operation, asymmetry (will occur to a degree an all cases due to preoperative breast and chest shape differences), unfavorable scarring, poor healing, changes in breast and/or nipple sensation (can be permanent), implant related issues (capsular contracture, rupture, wrinkles of skin over the implant) and anesthetic/perioperative complications including but not limited to deep vein thrombosis, cardiac and pulmonary complications and death. The patient consents to the procedure attesting to her understanding.

The patient is seen and examined by Dr. Bassiri and the following reflects their service. Scribed by Rachelle Perkins, RN

Encounter Date: 03/02/2021

1

I agree with the Chief Complaint, ROS, and Past Histories independently gathered by the clinical support staff/resident and the remaining scribed note accurately describes my personal service to the patient.

30 minutes of the total visit were spent face to face with patient. Greater than 50% of the time was spent for counseling and coordination of care, discussing treatment options and recommendations.

Bahar Bassiri Gharb, MD March 4, 2021 6:53 PM

This note was generated with voice recognition software and may contain errors, including spelling, grammar, syntax and misracognition of what was dictated, that are not fully corrected.

#### Instructions

Return if symptoms worsen or fall to improve.

Scheduler Worksheet (Printed 3/2/2021), After Visit Summary (Printed 3/2/2021)

# **Additional Documentation**

Vitals:

BP 130/82 Pulse 78 Temp 36.8 °C (98.2 °F) Ht 162.6 cm (5' 4") Wt 66.2 kg (146 lb)

BMI 25,06 kg/m² BSA 1.73 m² More Vitals

Flowsheets:

DERM PLAS SCORE CARD, COVID 19 Patient reported results, Vital Signs,

AMB ROOMING INTAKE MINI

Encounter Info: Billing Info, History, Allergies, Detailed Report

#### Media

From this encounter

Consent Form - Electronic signature on 3/2/2021 4:12 PM; Bilateral breast augmentation for gender confirmation; Possible bilateral tissue expander placement (effective from 3/2/2021) - E-signed

# Pharmacy Benefits

\* JOHNSTON, JESSICA - UHC PRIME ENROLLMENTS (OPTUMRX COMMERCIAL)

Covered: Retall, Mall Order Unknown: Specialty, Long-Term Care

Member ID: 97488118000 BIN: 610279

DOB:

Group ID:

WEBSERVICE62 PCN; 9999

Legal sex: F

Group name:

Address: PO BOX 154

**BEREA OH 44017** 

01/13/1973

# Travel Screening and History

No documentation.

# Linked Episodes

AUGMENTATION BREAST W/IM Noted 3/2/2021

(Page 10 of 20) Johnston, Jessica (MRN 43815644) DOB: 01/13/1973

From: 2166361963

Page: 8/18

Date: 3/24/2021 12:01:29 PM

Encounter Date: 03/02/2021

1

AUGMENTATION BREAST W/IM Noted 3/2/2021

**Orders Placed** 

MAM SCREENING (Resulted 3/16/2021) SURGICAL REQUEST - ELECTIVE (8/2020)

Medication Changes

As of 3/4/2021 6:53 PM

None

Visit Diagnoses

Primary: Gender dysphoria F64.9

(FAX)440 899 0266

P.001/00Z

1

3 1 8

5

1

Susan Adams, LPCC, MA, MEd Antone F. Feo & Associates 24500 Center Ridge Road, Suite 120, Westlake Oh 44145, 440-899-1300

March 8, 2021

Jessica Johnston

09:36 Satorara

DOB: 1-13-73

Dr. C. Ferando, MD Dr. B. Gharb, MD FAX: 216-444-9419

Dear Dr.s Ferando & Charb.

Pursuant to Jessica Johnston's request and signed Release of Information, please accept the following:

Jessica Johnston, age 48, was initially seen in my Westlake, Ohio office on 10-29-2019. At that time Jessics identified herself as a biological male who requested a letter for Gender Reassignment surgery. She was dressed in casual clothing for the fall day and had good hygiene. She was oriented to person, place and time and her recent and remote memory was intact. Her affect and mood were appropriate, She showed no signs of hallucinations or thought disorder. Jessica had good insight and judgment and her speach was goal directed. While no IQ test was given she appeared to have at least normal intelligence.

Jessics freely offered a psychosocial history and an in-depth interview. Subsequently, she was diagnosed with Gender Dysphoria in Adults. Jessica has requested a letter suggesting that she is a good candidate for breast augmentation surgery. She has had I I individual psychotherapy sessions so far. During these sessions she spoke of her emotional conflict as a result of not having a fernale body including breasts. She talked about the discomfort and concern in wanting her body to be in agreement with her identified female gender. Jessica has been on Hormone replacement Therapy and has been dressing fulltime as a female for 3 years.

In summary, it is my professional opinion with the information presented to me at the time of this writing, that Jessica Johnston meets the criteria for Breest Augmentation as set forth by the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WFATH). That is, she presents with well documented gender dysphoria; demonstrates the capacity to make a fully informed decision and to consent for treatment, is of legal age; does not present with any significant medical or mental health concerns; has been living continuously in the female gender role which is in agreement with her gender identity of female fulltime for 3 years.

Finally, it is my professional opinion that Jessica's presenting psychological distress is as a result of her gender dysphoria. Her dysphoria cannot be successfully treated with Hormone Replacement Therapy

(FAX)440 899 0266

P.002/002

1

0

2

1

0 8

1

09/09/2021

09:37 Satorara

and psychotherapy, alone. However, Breast Augmentation surgery in addition to the above mentioned modalities should mitigate same. This medically necessary surgery would promote congruence between Jessica's gender identity and her post surgical body. Jessica has agreed to continue psychotherapy following the surgery.

Respectfully submitted.

Susan Adams, LPCC, MA, MEd.

Ohio State Board of Counseling, Social Work,

& Marriage and Family Therapists

License No. E1000392

· (40)

# TINA L. TEREBECKIJ, PSY.D.

24500 Center Ridge Road, Sulte 120 Westlake, Ohio 44145-5602 (440) 899.1300 (440) 899.0266 (fax)

December 30, 2020

Lakewood Family Health Center ATTN: Tina Reed/ Dr. Ferrando 16215 Madison Aye Lekewood, OH 44107 Fax: 216-227-0892

RE: Jessica Johston DOB: January 13, 1973

Dr. Ferrando/Tina Reed.

At the request of Jessica Johnston and a signed release of information I am providing the following information in support of her undergoing a vaginoplasty through your facility. This letter is being written following a virtual therapy appointment at the offices of Antone F. Feo. Ph.D. & Associates, Inc. with Ms. Johnston as my interim patient. Ms. Johnston is currently under the counseling care of Susan Adams, a clinician who is also with my firm.

Ms. Johnston was initially seen by me via virtual appointment on September 4, 2020. This meeting was to explore the patient's desire to undergo the vaginoplasty procedure. Jessica has been socially transitioned for the past 4 years and she lives as female full time, including legally changing her name and gender marker on official documents since 2018, Hormone Replacement Therapy was initiated in 2017.

Jessica is seeking a vaginoplasty as a surgical step in her transition. The vaginoplasty procedure is medically necessary to reduce issues related to gender dysphoria. The diagnosis assigned is Gender Dysphoria in Adolescents and Adults (DSM 5 code: 302.85 F64.0). In meeting with her, Jessica was administered the DSM 5 level one cross cutting symptom measure for adults and the assessment yielded unremarkable results. The assessment and clinical interview overall indicate no significant functioning, health, or mental health concerns as this time. The limited problems/symptoms Jessica is experiencing are largely related to the gender dysphoria, and she has agreed to remain in counseling on an as needed basis.

In summary, it is my professional clinical opinion based on the information presented to me at the time of this writing that Jessica Johnston meets the criteria for a vaginoplasty surgery as set forth by the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH). Additionally, it is based upon my knowledge of the transitioning process and meeting with Jessica that I feel she meets the criteria to procede with the vaginoplasty and includes the following:

- Persistent gender dysphoria which has become less persistent since social transition in
- Hormone replacement therapy since early 2017

(Page 14 of 20)

- She understands the risks and benefits of the procedure, is of the age of consent for medical procedures, and is not currently experiencing any mental health concerns that would affect her judgment in this matter
- She reports sufficient social support for care following the procedure

The above statements and recommendations are being made per the standards set forth by the World Professional Association of Transgender Health and my belief that Ms. Jessica Johnston will continue to engage in care according to those standards. If you have any questions you can feel free to contact me at my office at 440-899-1300.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my recommendation in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Terebecky, Pay.D.

Ohio State Board of Psychology

Ohio License P.7536

P.002/003

12/30/2020 11:59 Saterara

(FAX)440 689 0268

# SUSAN ADAMS LPCC, MA, MED

24500 Center Ridge Road, Suite 120 Westlake, Ohio 44145-5602 (440) 899.1300 (440) 899.0266 (fax)

September 2, 2020

Dr. Ferrando

RE: Jessica Johnston DOB: 1-13-1973

114

Dear Dr. Ferrando:

Pursuant to Jessica Johnston's request for Gender Reassignment Surgery, please accept the following:

I met Ms. Jessica Johnston on October 9, 2019 at an Intako counseling session. At that time Jessica identified herself as a transgender M to F, who wishes to have Vaginoplasty surgery. She was oriented to person, place and time and her recent and remote memory was intact. She appeared her stated age and her affect and mood were appropriate. She showed no signs of hallucinations or thought disorder. She had good insight and judgment and her speech was goal directed. Her hearing appeared to be intact. While no IQ test was given she appeared to have at least normal intelligence.

Jessica has been seen by me 5 times over the past year, after seeing a collegue since February 2018. Jessica began HRT therapy in 2018 and has been dressing as female as well. Jessica has the support of family and friends for her transition.

It is my professional opinion with the information presented to me at the time of this writing, that Jessica Johnston meets the criteria for Gender Dysphoria in Adults. That is, she reports a marked incongruence between her expressed female gender and her male sex characteristics; she has a strong desire to be rid of her male sex characteristics because of a marked incongruence with her experienced female gender; she has a strong desire for the primary sex characteristics of the female gender; she has a strong desire to be of the female gender; she has a strong desire to be treated as a female; and she has a strong conviction that she has the typical feelings and reactions of a female.

Jessica meets the criteria for Vaginoplasty surgery as set forth by the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH). That is, she presents with well documented gender dysphoria; she demonstrates the capacity to make a fully informed decision and to consent for treatment; she is of legal age; she does not present with any significant medical or mental health concerns; she has been taking prescribed Hormone Replacement Therapy since 2018. With each step of her transition, Jessica has felt increasingly happy and confident,

Finally, it is my professional opinion, with more than 10 years therapy experience, and with the information presented to me at the time of this writing that Jessica is a good candidate for

This fax was received by GFI FaxMaker fax server. For more information, visit: http://www.gfi.com

Date: 3/24/2021 12:01:29 PM

E00/600.9

1

0

2

1 8

1

12/90/2020

12:00 Satorara

(FAX)440 899 0266

Vaginoplasty surgery. Also, it is my professional opinion that Jessica's presenting psychological distress is as a result of her gender dysphoria. Her dysphoria cannot be successfully treated with Hormone Replacement Therapy and psychotherapy alone. However, Gender Reassignment surgery in addition to the above mentioned modalities should mitigate same. This medically necessary surgary should promote congruence between her gender identity and her post surgical

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Adams, LPCC, MA, MEd. Antone F. Fee & Associates

Johnston, Jessica (MRN 43815644) DOB: 01/13/1973

# Letter by Christina Reed Coord on 3/8/2021

Cleveland Clinic

ChrisTina L. Reed, Coordinator Center for LGBT Care

Transgender Medicine and Surgery Program 9500 Euclid Avenue, A81

Cleveland, OH 44195 Secure VM: 216-445-6308 1

2

1

0

8

3

1

8

5 1

Secure FX: 216-636-1963 Secure e-mail: reedc@ccf.org

March 08, 2021

Attending Physician NPI: 1053609453 Attending Physician: Bahar Bassiri Servicing Facility NPI: 1679525919 Servicing Facility: Cleveland Clinic

9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland OH 44195 Servicing Facility Tax ID: 340714585

Outpatient surgical procedure:

19325 (CPT®) MAMMOPLASTY [ENLARGE BREAST WITH IMPLANT]

19357 (CPT) Bilateral Breast Tissue Expanders

ICD10: F64.9 GENDER DYSPHORIA

Jessica Johnston is a mature, well-adjusted woman who has met the eligibility requirements outlined by WPATH:

- Has had persistent long-term gender dysphoria since 8 years of age,
- Is over 18 years of age.
- Has the capacity to make a fully informed decision and consent for treatment,
- Has demonstrated understanding of chest feminization and the implications of this irreversible step.
- · Is of stable mental health, sufficiently self-aware, and successfully managing identified issues with depression.
- Has been receiving MTF hormone treatment for approximately 3 years,
- Has been living in a female gender role, congruent with her identity for 3 years.
- · Agrees to continue care with her qualified mental health care team during the peri- and postoperative period.

Surgery will consist of intersex surgery: male to female chest reconstruction (mammoplasty) with prosthesis. Please note this procedure is not cosmetic as Jessica Johnston, has been on optimal therapeutic doses of cross sex hormone therapy for over two years and is physiologically unable to develop female chest contour therefore this surgery is medically necessary and not being performed for vanity or cosmesis. If she were assigned female at birth and fell victim to cancer causing her to lose her breasts this surgery would not require a precertification; this medically necessary surgery is not being performed to provide her with large breasts but to reconstruct her upper body to provide a female body contour to align with her identity,

Referral # 17773898

Referral Information	on		
Referral #	Creation Date	Referral Status	Status Update
# 17773898	03/05/2021	none	: Status History
Status Reason none	Referral Type Auth/Cert	Referral Reasons none	Referral Class
To Specialty PLAS MAIN	To Provider	To Location/Place of Service To Depart CLEVELAND CLINIC HOSP OPT FOUNDATION	ment To POS Type TIME PLAS none
To Vendor	Referred By	By Location/Place of Service none	none By Department
Priority none	Start Date none	Expiration Date none	Referral Entered By Stacey Jones Pas
Visits Requested	Visits Authorize	d Visits Completed	Visits Scheduled
Procedure Informa	ation		
Service Details		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	2 171 1 10 100 1000 2000 1100 WH 1 2 150 1 4 1
Procedure 19325 (CPT®) - ENLA BREAST WITH IMPLA		ovider Reque	Code ested Approved Decision
19357 (CPT®) - BREARECONSTRUC W TIS: EXPANDR	AST None	1	1
	REAST W/IMPLANT B	ILATERAL ST RECONSTRUCTION BILATERA	<b>NL</b>
Diagnosis Informa	* Commitment and the Commitment of Commitmen		
F64.9 (ICD-10-CM) -	Gender dysphoria		
Referral Notes	T i y Aprille didd the led in y	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Number of Notes: 8
Type Date Auth/Cert 03/2: 12:32	2/2021 Alejandra	Summary	Attachment

1

2

1

0

8

3

1

8

5

1

Can I have the appeal fax#? 801-938-2100 (standard appeals) // 801-994-1083 (urgent appeals only, criteria has to apply as urgent)

Can I have the appeal mailing address? PO Box 30573 Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0573 Attention to? UHC Appeals Unit

is it necessary to include any form? Formal letter + Medical information

What is the appeal time frame? 180 days

FC notified: N/A

Call ref#:

Denial reason:

The reason for our determination is:

Your provider requested coverage for breast augmentation with implants for you. This is because you have gender dysphoria. This is a gender affirming surgery (sex change surgery) to enlarge your breasts. We reviewed the following:

- Your provider's medical notes
- Your health plan's benefit document (a listing of your health plan's benefits and what it pays for)
- Your health plan's medical policy regarding gender dysphoria surgery

Based upon our review, we are not able to approve this treatment request. Under your health plan, this surgery is cosmetic. Your health plan does not cover cosmetic procedures. Please speak with your provider about your options. Your health is important to us. We are available to speak with your provider about your care and treatment options.

Type	Date	User	Summary	Attachment
Auth/Cert	03/18/2021	Jordan Mora	, , , , , , <del>, , , , , , , , , , , , , </del>	# ( ) 1 ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) (
	4:45 PM			

#### Note

======== PAVE UCB DOS 04/11/2021 ========

Admission Type: EL TCI

Insurance Name: UNITED HEALTHCARE

Hospital: Hosp Optime Plas

Insurance representative/website used: UHC Link

Phone Number Called: N/A

Time of call/verification: 04:45 pm Case Reference number: A117883187 Was the clinical information received?: Yes

When?: 03/08/2021

How many pages were received?: Unable to check

Diagnosis Codes: F64.9 (ICD-10-CM) - Gender dysphoria

Procedure Codes: 19325, 19357

Call reference; N/A

Comments:

Per website the case is pending under review, no additional information needed and all values matched, status remains same Walting for Online Response.

Type Auth/Cert	Date 03/15/2021 5:52 PM	User	Summary	י או ייציר איפ נו	Attachment -
-------------------	-------------------------------	------	---------	-------------------	--------------

Note

0

8 3 1

8

5

1

## =-=-= UCB Nurse Line | DOS: 04/11/2021 =-=-=

VM Received on: 3/5/21 6:00 PM (77 second msg)

From: Mary

Hospital: Hosp Optime Plas Insurance Name: UHC

Diagnosis Codes and Procedure Code: Dx: F64.9 (ICD-10-CM) - Gender dysphoria

Px: 19325, 19357

Comments:

We received a voice mail stating that:

"Calling regarding the request that was submitted for reference number A117883187. You set this case up as an inpatient surgery. I do need to verify that information that it is scheduled as an inpatient procedure as well as I do need to request a clinical information be faxed over so that the review can be completed. Please fax that clinical information to 800-696-8151. Please include the reference number for the case on the fax and if there's any problem faxing information to us please let me know. My name again is Mary, My direct phone number is 952-202-5329. We do need to get the psychological evaluation as well as the clinical notes from the physician."

So they need clinical information as soon as possible at fax#800-696-8151. Status remains: Pending - Clinical Review Needed. E-mail sent to the Nurses.

#### //AndrewM

Туре	Date	User	Summary		Attachment
Auth/Cert	03/05/2021	Stacey Jones	Na	,	30
	2:47 PM	Pas			

#### Note

# ..PRECERT:

Hospital: Main

Pseudo Date Provided to Insurance: 4/11/21

Enter Out or Inpt: TCI

Source(Enter Website Name, Phone, Fax Or Personal Cheat Sheet/Per Plan Protocol): UHC

portal

Phone (Enter Rep Name and Payer Phone): 877-842-3210
Fax (Enter Payer Name and Payer Fax Phone): No fax option

Enter Auth Required, Pre D Required or NPCR/No Pre cert Required: Auth required

CPT CODE or Procedure Description, if CPT Code not available: 19325 19357 (For Multiple CPT Codes enter 1st code then space then enter the 2nd code)

DX Code or Diagnosis Description, if DX Code not available: F64.9

(For Multiple DX Codes enter 1st code then space then enter the 2nd code)

Covered Benefit, ONLY IF CALLING (Enter Yes, No, or Pending Pre-D): yes

Auth#: A117883187

(For Multiple Auth# enter 1st# then space then enter the 2nd#)

Allowed For (#) Vists: pend Valid From: pend To pend

Photos Required (Enter Yes or No): yes Photos Required (Enter Yes or No): yes

Staff Message Sent (Enter Yes or No) (if applicable): no

Comment: