A MESSAGE TO OUR MEDICAID PATIENTS REGARDING ABDOMINOPLASTY AND PANNICULECTOMY

Unlike most insurance plans and Medicare, Kansas Medicaid does not cover abdominoplasty or panniculectomy. While you and your referring doctor (as well as your plastic surgeon) may consider this “medically necessary” and important to your health, it is not a covered benefit under the program. If you choose to undergo the procedure, you will be responsible for the costs, including the surgeon, anesthesia charges, operating room fees, laboratory charges, etc. We can detail these anticipated costs and work with you as much as possible to make the procedure more affordable.

Some patients have said they have been told by helpful persons answering the phone at the Medicaid offices that a physician only had to state that this procedure, like any other, is medically necessary and it would automatically be covered. We can assure you that this is NOT the case. Unless you can provide us with written, authoritative documentation that an exception is being made in your particular case, we must assume the costs of the procedure will not be paid by Medicaid.

We regret that this is the case, as we have performed numerous abdominoplasty and panniculectomy procedures over the years and found them to be beneficial to patients. Please let us know if you have further questions.

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