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3. Any relevant collateral source materials including coverage policies
4. The specific facts of the particular situation

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CMM-313.1 Definition

Hip resurfacing arthroplasty (HRA), also called metal-on-metal (MOM) hip resurfacing and hemiresurfacing arthroplasty, is a surgical technique which involves the removal of diseased cartilage and bone from the head of the femur, and the replacement of the surface of the femoral head with a hollow metal hemisphere that fits into the acetabulum of the pelvis. This hemisphere fits into a metal acetabular cup. The technique conserves femoral bone, maintains normal femoral loading and stresses. Because of bone conservation, it may not compromise future total hip replacements. Hip resurfacing arthroplasty has been promoted as an alternative to total hip replacement or for younger individuals, to watchful waiting. Hip resurfacing arthroplasty may be either a partial HRA (i.e., hemi-hip resurfacing, hemiresurfacing or femoral head resurfacing arthroplasty [FHRA]) or a total HRA.

Total hip replacement is a surgical technique which involves the removal of the femoral head and neck and the femoral canal (marrow space) is reamed-out. The damaged hip joint is replaced with an artificial prosthesis composed of two or three different components: 1) the head that replaces the original femoral head, 2) the femoral component (a metal stem placed into the femur), and 3) the acetabular component that is implanted into the acetabulum. The stem may be secured using bone cement or press-fit for the bone to grow into it.

Tonnis grading system is commonly used to describe the presence of osteoarthritis in the hips with grading as follows:

- Grade 0: no signs of osteoarthritis
- Grade 1: sclerosis of the joint with minimal joint space narrowing and osteophyte formation
- Grade 2: small cysts in the femoral head or acetabulum with moderate joint space narrowing
- Grade 3: advanced arthritis with large cysts in the femoral head or acetabulum, joint space obliteration, and severe deformity of the femoral head.
**CMM-313.2 General Guidelines**

The determination of medical necessity for the performance of hip arthroplasty procedures (total or partial) is always made on a case-by-case basis.

For individuals with significant medical conditions or co-morbidities, the risk/benefit of hip arthroplasty procedures should be clearly documented in the medical record.

Until the scientific literature is more definitive, the type of implant to be utilized, such as metal-on-metal, ceramic-on-ceramic, metal-on-polyethylene, should be determined by the treating surgeon and their patient following a frank discussion explaining the pros and cons of each implant type.

**CMM-313.3 Indications and Non-Indications**

**Partial Hip Resurfacing Arthroplasty**

Partial hip resurfacing arthroplasty is considered **medically necessary** when all of the following criteria have been met:

- Chronic severe, disabling pain for at least three (3) months in duration
- Loss of hip function which interferes with the ability to carry out age-appropriate activities of daily living and/or demands of employment
- Either of the following:
  - Degenerative arthritis affecting the femoral head with joint space narrowing on weight-bearing radiographs
  - Osteonecrosis (e.g., avascular necrosis) of the femoral head when the disease is detected early and there is less than 50% involvement of the femoral head
- Age 64 years or younger
- Failure of ≥ three months of nonsurgical management (e.g., ice, rest/activity modification, weight loss, medications (e.g., non-steroidal anti-inflammatory [NSAIDS]))

Partial hip resurfacing arthroplasty is considered **not medically necessary** for any other indication, including the following:

- Degenerative arthritis affecting both the femoral head and the acetabular surface with joint space narrowing on weight-bearing radiographs
- Osteonecrosis (e.g., avascular necrosis) of the femoral head involving more than 50% of the femoral head
- Individual is skeletally immature
- Individual has an active hip infection, or other significant persistent or untreated infection or is septic
- Individual has one or more uncontrolled or unstable medical conditions that
would significantly increase the risk of morbidity or mortality

- individual has a history of vascular insufficiency, significant muscular atrophy of the hip or leg musculature, or neuromuscular disease severe enough to compromise implant stability or post-operative recovery
- individual has inadequate bone stock to support the device

**Total Hip Resurfacing Arthroplasty**

Total hip resurfacing arthroplasty is considered *medically necessary* when all of the following criteria have been met:

- Chronic severe, disabling pain for at least three (3) months duration
- loss of hip function which interferes with the ability to carry out age-appropriate activities of daily living and/or demands of employment
- degenerative arthritis with ONE of the following:
  - joint space narrowing affecting both the femoral head and the acetabular joint on weight-bearing radiographs
  - EITHER of the following:
    - an inflammatory arthropathy
    - osteonecrosis (e.g., avascular necrosis) of the femoral head with possible acetabular surface involvement when the disease is detected early and there is less than 50% involvement of the femoral head
- age 64 years or younger
- failure of ≥ three months of nonsurgical management (e.g., ice, relative rest/activity modification, weight loss, bracing, medications [e.g., anti-inflammatories], injections [steroid] and/or physical therapy)

Total hip resurfacing arthroplasty is considered *not medically necessary* for any other indication, including the following:

- osteonecrosis (avascular necrosis) of the femoral head involving more than 50% of the femoral head
- individual is skeletally immature
- individual has an active hip infection, or other significant, persistent infection or is septic
- individual has one or more uncontrolled or unstable medical conditions that would significantly increase the risk of morbidity or mortality
- individual has a history of vascular insufficiency, significant muscular atrophy of the hip or leg musculature, or neuromuscular disease severe enough to compromise implant stability or post-operative recovery
- individual has inadequate bone stock to support the device
Partial Hip Arthroplasty (Replacement)
Partial hip arthroplasty is considered medically necessary for any of the following conditions, when all of the associated criteria have been met:

- A non-displaced intracapsular fracture when surgical fixation is not considered a reasonable option.
- An impacted fracture, partially displaced fracture, completely displaced or comminuted fracture of the femoral neck or femoral head when conservative management or surgical fixation is not considered a reasonable option.
- Severe osteoarthritis evidenced by large cysts in the femoral head or acetabulum, joint space obliteration, and severe deformity of the femoral head (e.g., Tonnis Grade 3) when all of the following criteria have been met:
  - history of chronic severe, disabling pain for at least three (3) months in duration
  - loss of hip function secondary to osteoarthritis which interferes with the ability to carry out age-appropriate activities of daily living and/or demands of employment
  - failure ≥ three months of non-surgical management (e.g., ice, rest/activity modification, weight loss, bracing, medications [e.g., anti-inflammatories], injections [steroid] and/or physical therapy)

Partial hip arthroplasty is considered not medically necessary for any other indication, including the following:

- Individual has an active local or systemic infection
- Individual has one or more uncontrolled or unstable medical conditions that would significantly increase the risk of morbidity or mortality
- Individual demonstrates a significant loss of musculature, neuromuscular compromise or vascular deficiency in the affected limb, rendering the procedure unjustifiable
- Individual demonstrates severe instability secondary to advanced loss of osteochondral structure.

Total Hip Arthroplasty (Replacement)
Total hip arthroplasty is considered medically necessary for the following indications:

- an impacted fracture, partially displaced fracture, completely displaced or comminuted fracture of the femoral neck or femoral head when conservative management or surgical fixation is not considered a reasonable option.

- osteoarthritis evidenced by large cysts in the femoral head or acetabulum, joint space obliteration, and severe deformity of the femoral head (e.g., Tonnis
Grade 3) when all of the following criteria have been met:

- chronic, severe, disabling pain for at least three (3) months in duration
- loss of hip function secondary to osteoarthritis which interferes with the ability to carry out age-appropriate activities of daily living and/or demands of employment
- failure of ≥ three months of non-surgical management (e.g., ice, rest/activity modification, weight loss, bracing, medications [e.g., anti-inflammatories], injections [steroid] and/or physical therapy)

Total hip arthroplasty is considered **not medically necessary** for any other indication, including the following:

- individual has an active local or systemic infection
- individual has one or more uncontrolled or unstable medical conditions that would significantly increase the risk of morbidity or mortality
- individual demonstrates a significant loss of musculature, neuromuscular compromise or vascular deficiency in the affected limb, rendering the procedure unjustifiable

**Total Hip Revision**

Total Hip Revision following a previous partial or total hip arthroplasty is considered **medically necessary** when all of the following criteria have been met:

- Individual has developed chronic severe, disabling pain
- there is a documented loss of hip function which interferes with the ability to carry out age-appropriate activities of daily living and/or demands of employment.
- individual demonstrates ANY of the following:
  - recurrent prosthetic dislocation not responsive to a reasonable course of non-surgical care
  - instability of the components
  - aseptic loosening
  - periprosthetic infection
  - periprosthetic fracture
  - persistent hip pain of unknown etiology not responsive to a period of non-surgical care for six (6) months.

Total Hip Revisions is considered **not medically necessary** for any other indication, including the following:

- individual has one or more uncontrolled or unstable medical conditions that would significantly increase the risk of morbidity or mortality
- individual demonstrates a significant loss of musculature (in particular
hip abductor musculature), neuromuscular compromise or vascular
deficiency in the affected limb

- individual has severe osteoporosis or other osseous abnormality that cannot be
  optimally managed and that would increase the likelihood of a poor surgical
  outcome
- individual demonstrates poor skin coverage
- individual demonstrates severe instability secondary to advanced loss of
  osteochondral structure.

CMM-313.4 Procedure (CPT®) Codes

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This list may not be all inclusive and is not intended to be used for coding/billing purposes. The final determination of reimbursement for services is the decision of the health plan and is based on the individual’s policy or benefit entitlement structure as well as claims processing rules.

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