

# RMHP Radiofrequency nasal valve collapse repair 30469

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## Description

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Repair of nasal valve collapse with low energy, temperature-controlled (ie, radiofrequency) subcutaneous/submucosal remodeling

The physician repairs a bilateral nasal valve collapse in [30468](#) using one or more subcutaneous or submucosal lateral wall implants. In one method, a proprietary absorbable implant is used to support the upper and lower cartilage inside the side (lateral) wall of the nose in patients with airway obstruction. A small cannula is inserted just inside the nostril. Upon reaching the targeted area, a thin, clear absorbable implant is injected into the subcutaneous or submucosal tissue and the cannula is removed. Implant position is confirmed by palpation. In [30469](#), bilateral repair of the nasal valve collapse is performed by remodeling the subcutaneous or submucosal tissues using low energy, temperature-controlled methods such as radiofrequency (RF). In one method, the physician anesthetizes the nose and positions the patient into a reclined-seated or semi-supine position. A stylus, with the treatment tip covered in surgical gel for patient comfort and ease of movement, is inserted into the nasal passageway to deliver temperature-controlled RF energy treatment along the lateral wall of the posterior middle meatus. The stylus is gently pushed upwards into the middle turbinate. Multiple treatments may be delivered along the middle meatus and inferior turbinate during the procedure, with each treatment lasting a few seconds. This treatment remodels narrow or obstructive nasal anatomy, helping to improve airflow. Once treatment is complete, the stylus is removed from the nasal passage.

## Clinical Indications for Procedure

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For **ALL RMHP plans**, the request is for Radiofrequency nasal valve collapse repair 30469. The review team will apply the guidelines in UnitedHealthcare® Commercial and Individual Exchange Medical Policy, Rhinoplasty and Other Nasal Procedures, Policy Number: MP.019.27. The requester will be notified of the decision per protocol.

## References

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UnitedHealthcare Commercial Medical Policy, Rhinoplasty and Other Nasal Surgeries, Policy Number: MP.019.25 Effective Date: January 1, 2023 located online here:  
file:///S:/GJ\_SHARE/CM/Policy.%20Process.%20Workflows/Clinical%20Policy\_Coverage%20Guidelines/Clinical%20GMM/MCG%20UHC%20Guideline%20Copies/UHC%20rhinoplasty-other-nasal-surgeries.pdf

Policy is stored internally here: S:\GJ\_SHARE\CM\Policy. Process. Workflows\Clinical Policy\_Coverage Guidelines\Clinical GMM/MCG UHC Guideline Copies

Medicare Coverage Database search - no NCD, no LCD, no LCA.

Medicare Physician Fee Schedule - active and priced.

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Health First Colorado Fee Schedule - priced.

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UnitedHealthcare® Commercial and Individual Exchange Medical Policy, Rhinoplasty and Other Nasal Procedures, Policy Number: MP.019.27, Effective Date: June 1, 2023 online  
<https://www.uhcprovider.com/content/dam/provider/docs/public/policies/index/commercial/rhinoplasty-other-nasal-surgeries-06012023.pdf> and internally at S:\GJ\_SHARE\CM\Policy. Process. Workflows\Clinical Policy\_Coverage Guidelines\Clinical GMM/MCG UHC Guideline Copies filename UHC rhinoplasty-other-nasal-surgeries-06012023. Reviewed 5/11/2023.

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