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<p><u>Original Coding</u> RVUs</p> <p>19357-50.....39.15 15430.....12.58 15431.....0.00</p> <p>Total.....51.73</p>	<p><u>The Coding Network Coding</u> RVUs</p> <p>19357-50.....39.15 15430-51.....12.58</p> <p>Total.....51.73</p> <p><i>Difference.....0.00</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong code: No documentation of dimensions of Stattice used. Default is to the primary code 15430-1 unit. • Note: 15431 does not have RVU's assigned to the CMS Physician's fee Schedule • Modifier: Multiple surgeries require modifier-51 when they are performed at the same session by the same provider, the primary procedure or service may be reported as listed. The additional procedure(s) or service(s) may be identified by appending modifier 51 to the additional procedure or service code(s).
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<p><u>Original Coding</u> <u>RVUs</u></p> <p>15879.....0</p> <p>Total.....0</p>	<p><u>The Coding Network Coding</u> <u>RVUs</u></p> <p>20926.....11.17</p> <p>11950-51.....1.30</p> <p>15879 x 2 units.....0</p> <p>Total.....12.47</p> <p><i>Difference + 12.47</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed Procedure: Documentation supports removal of fat for a fat graft 20926. • Missed Procedure: Injection of fat 11950 is also documented. • Missed Procedure: The CPT 15879 will support 2 units for separate thighs. • Modifier: Multiple surgeries require modifier-51 when they are performed at the same session by the same provider, the primary procedure or service may be reported as listed. The additional procedure(s) or service(s) may be identified by appending modifier 51 to the additional procedure or service code(s).
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<u>Original Coding</u> RVUs 14061.....21.37 20926.....11.17 Total.....32.54	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u> RVUs 14060.....17.15 15770-51.....16.55 20926-51.....11.17 13100-51.....5.92 Total.....50.79 <i>Difference - 18.25</i>	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong Code: No documentation of dimensions to support 14061. Default code is 14060. • Missed Procedure: The documentation does support the graft procedure for fat/dermis 15770. • Missed Procedure: The abdominal scar was excised and revised 13100. No documentation of dimensions. • Modifier: Multiple surgeries require modifier-51 when they are performed at the same session by the same provider, the primary procedure or service may be reported as listed. The additional procedure(s) or service(s) may be identified by appending modifier 51 to the additional procedure or service code(s).
<u>Diagnoses</u> 744.23	<u>Diagnoses</u> 744.23 V50.1	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed diagnosis: There is documentation to support the unacceptable plastic surgery outcome V50.1

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<u>Original Coding</u> RVUs 19380-50.....19.38 Total.....19.38	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u> RVUs 19380-50.....19.38 20926-51.....11.17 11950-51.....1.30 Total.....31.85 <i>Difference - 12.47 undervalued</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed Procedure: Injection of fat 11950 is also documented • Missed Procedure: The documentation does support the harvest procedure for fat/dermis 20926 • Modifier: Multiple surgeries require modifier-51 when they are performed at the same session by the same provider, the primary procedure or service may be reported as listed. The additional procedure(s) or service(s) may be identified by appending modifier 51 to the additional procedure or service code(s)
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