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Please note, I am using "Jane Doe" due to my medical diagnosis not being public.

I desire to travel to a center in the U.S. that specializes in alternative reconstruction methods for breast cancer patients, including diep flap. The specialists at this center have a great deal of knowledge and support patients during the recovery process as well. Unfortunately, they are not in-network with my insurance and having the procedure done with them would be a significant financial burden.

Going with breast implants for reconstruction instead of diep flap requires committing to additional surgeries every 10 to 15 years to replace the implants. Even with implants, there is always a chance of complications. Some patients switch to a diep flap after trying implants due to complications or pain. Not being able to have this procedure done at this specialty center simply because insurance won't treat them as in-network is a financial burden. Patients should not have to jump through so many hoops just to get this alternative reconstruction method covered regardless where it is performed.

Appreciate your consideration.