

INSURANCE AUTHORIZATION

Weight loss surgery is endorsed by the National Institutes of Health as the only effective treatment for morbid obesity. However, many policies do not offer this as a covered benefit.

Contact your insurance provider to determine if weight loss surgery is a covered benefit in your particular policy. Please have this information prior to your initial consult visit.

TELEPHONE NUMBER AND EXTENSION CALLED (Number usually found on your insurance card)	
CONTACT PERSON'S NAME	
DATE AND TIME OF CALL	

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR INSURANCE PROVIDER:			
IS SURGERY FOR MORBID OBESITY A COVERED BENEFIT?	YES	NO	
ARE THE FOLLOWING CPT CODES COVERED?			
Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Band	43770	YES	NO
Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass/Roux en Y	43644	YES	NO
Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy	43775	YES	NO
WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR COVERAGE?			
<input type="radio"/> Weight <input type="radio"/> BMI <input type="radio"/> Previous weight loss attempts			
WHAT DOCUMENTATION DO YOU REQUIRE PRIOR TO AUTHORIZATION?			
<input type="radio"/> Documentation of supervised weight loss attempts <input type="radio"/> Documentation of length of obesity <input type="radio"/> Medical clearance from physician <input type="radio"/> Letter from surgeon <input type="radio"/> Nutritional consult <input type="radio"/> Psychological consult			