

Insurance Coverage Patient Tool

Are you interested in weight-loss surgery? Find out if it is covered by your insurance using this tool. **Please call your insurance** and ask the following questions. The phone number to contact your insurance is usually on the back of your insurance card.

Completion of this form is highly encouraged and may shorten your waiting time for surgery.

PATIENT NAME: _____

1. **Does my policy contain an exclusion for weight loss surgery?** ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please skip to question 6.

What procedures are covered? (Mark all that apply). The primary diagnosis will be Morbid Obesity E66.01

____ 43644 Gastric Bypass

____ 43775 Sleeve Gastrectomy Are nutrition visits covered? ____ Yes ____ No

2. **What do I need to have to qualify for surgery?**

(Mark all that apply)

____ Pre-existing condition such as sleep apnea, high blood pressure, or diabetes?

____ Physician-supervised nutrition/exercise counseling (if yes, how many months? _____)

____ Documentation of past attempts at weight loss?

____ Documentation of history of obesity (if yes, how many years? _____)

3. **What is my co-pay for a specialist office visit?** _____

4. **What will be my out of pocket expense?** _____

5. **Do I have to go to a specific hospital for surgery?** _____

6. **Name of customer service representative:** _____

7. **Call reference number:** _____

You are still welcome to make an Intake appointment with our office to discuss your options.

8. **Date of phone call:** _____

Once you verify that your insurance plan will cover bariatric surgery, bring this form with you to your first appointment. Please do not hesitate to give our office a call at 843-234-6684 if you have any questions.