

INSURANCE CRITERIA

*This is a summary of the requirements from your insurance company that must be met to obtain approval for surgery. For a detailed list, please contact your insurance company. This list is subject to change without notice from your insurance company. **These requirements only apply if surgery is a covered benefit under your policy.** Some policies will have an exclusion, meaning they do not cover bariatric surgery. If your insurance plan does not cover bariatric surgery or you choose not to meet their criteria, we do have a comprehensive self pay option available. Please speak to one of our staff for details.*

The criteria below are for gastric bypass and gastric banding procedures only unless otherwise noted (we must check with your insurance for coverage of sleeve gastrectomy or duodenal switch. Criteria for revisional procedures, if covered, vary plan by plan and may include additional criteria not listed). Please do not schedule any appointments until advised by our office.

BlueCross Florida

BMI 40 or greater or BMI 35-39 with at least 1 comorbid condition

1. Medical records for past 5 years
2. Diet requirement-Documentation of physician supervised non-surgical weight loss program for at least 6 consecutive months
3. Lab work - to show no thyroid or endocrine disorders (doctors office can send with medical records)
4. Letter from Primary Care Physician to provide facts supporting medical necessity
5. Psychological evaluation - Athena Consulting 615-320-1155 or Evelyn Frye Center 615-385-4090



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