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### **INSURANCE COVERAGE INQUIRY**

Weight loss surgery is endorsed by the National Institute of Health as the only effective treatment for morbid obesity. However, many policies do not offer this as a covered benefit. You may want to contact your insurance company to determine if weight loss surgery is a covered benefit of your particular policy.

**Print and use the following form when calling your insurance company to inquire about weight loss surgery. Have your insurance card available when you call and bring the completed form to your first visit.** By speaking directly to your insurer, you are more informed about what your out-of-pocket expenses will be.

Insurance Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number/extension called: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(usually found on your insurance card)*

Service representative name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time of call: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **QUESTIONS TO ASK INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE**

My selected provider is Nicole B. White.

Is she currently a network provider under my plan?  YES  NO

Is surgery for morbid obesity a covered benefit?  YES  NO

Is a Center of Excellence required?  YES  NO

Are the following CPT codes covered?

Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Banding **43770**  YES  NO

Gastric Bypass / Roux en Y (OPEN) **43847**  YES  NO

What are the criteria for coverage?

- Weight
- BMI
- Previous weight loss attempts

What documentation do you require prior to authorization?

- Documentation of supervised weight loss attempts
- Medical clearance from physician
- Nutritional consult
- Other(s):
- Documentation of length of obesity
- Letter from surgeon
- Psychological consult

Additional comments/documentation during phone call: \_\_\_\_\_

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