

Designated Provider Network for Bariatric Surgery (DPNBS)

Tufts Health Plan defines a Designated Provider Network as a restricted group of providers/facilities assembled to promote optimal member outcomes for specific designated service(s) by each provider/facility within the Designated Provider Network.

To be a participant within the DPNBS, an organization must be contracted with Tufts Health Plan, maintain a credentialing status that is not adverse, adhere to service-specific Designated Provider Network requirements, maintain an acceptable licensing status, and maintain the appropriate certification and/or accreditation, as follows:

- Inpatient/outpatient facilities performing Gastric Bypass Surgical Procedures (GBS), Gastric Sleeve Procedures, and Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Banding (LAGB), must submit proof of the following:

Full Approval status* by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP), a joint program of the American College of Surgeons and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. Facilities must meet all designation requirements for accredited centers for one of the following facility types:

- Comprehensive Center
- Comprehensive Center with Adolescent Qualifications
- Ambulatory Surgery Center
- Low Acuity Center
- Adolescent Center

*Certain elements may be waived at Tufts Health Plan's sole discretion

CURRENT DPNBS FACILITIES

Massachusetts

- Baystate Medical Center**
 - Comprehensive Center
- Berkshire Medical Center**
 - Comprehensive Center
- Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital Milton
 - Comprehensive Center
- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
 - Comprehensive Center
- Boston Children's Hospital**
 - Adolescent Center
- Boston Medical Center
 - Comprehensive Center
- Brigham and Women's Hospital
 - Comprehensive Center
- Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital
 - Comprehensive Center
- Brockton Hospital - Signature Healthcare
 - Comprehensive Center
- Emerson Hospital**
 - Comprehensive Center
- Heywood Hospital**
 - Comprehensive Center
- Holyoke Medical Center**
 - Comprehensive Center
- Lahey Hospital & Medical Center**
 - Comprehensive Center
- Lawrence General Hospital
 - Comprehensive Center
- Lowell General Hospital
 - Comprehensive Center
- Massachusetts General Hospital
 - Comprehensive with Adolescent
- Melrose-Wakefield Hospital
- Mercy Medical Center**
 - Comprehensive Center
- MetroWest Medical Center-Leonard Morse
 - Comprehensive Center
- Milford Regional Medical Center**
 - Comprehensive Center
- Mount Auburn Hospital
 - Comprehensive Center
- Nashoba Valley Medical Center**
- Newton-Wellesley Hospital
 - Comprehensive Center
- North Shore Medical Center- Salem Hospital
 - Comprehensive Center
- Norwood Hospital**
 - Comprehensive Center
- Saint Anne's Hospital**
 - Low Acuity Center
- Southcoast Health- Charlton Memorial Hospital
 - Comprehensive Center
- Southcoast Health-Tobey Hospital
 - Comprehensive Center
- South Shore Hospital**
 - Comprehensive Center
- St. Elizabeth's Medical Center**
 - Comprehensive Center
- St. Vincent Hospital**
 - Comprehensive Center
- Tufts Medical Center
 - Comprehensive Center with Adolescent
- UMass Memorial Medical Center**
 - Comprehensive Center
- Winchester Hospital**
 - Comprehensive Center

New Hampshire

- Catholic Medical Center
 - Comprehensive Center
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
 - Comprehensive Center
- Elliot Hospital
 - Comprehensive Center
- Lakes Region General Hospital: Concord Hospital- Laconia
 - Comprehensive Center
- Portsmouth Regional Hospital
 - Comprehensive Center
- Wentworth-Douglass Hospital
 - Comprehensive Center

Maine

- Maine Medical Center
 - Comprehensive Center
- Southern Maine Health Care
 - Comprehensive Center

Rhode Island

- Kent Hospital
 - Comprehensive Center
- Miriam Hospital**
 - Comprehensive Center with Adolescent
- Roger Williams Medical Center**
 - Comprehensive Center

To qualify for bariatric surgery coverage, members must meet all of the [Bariatric Surgery Medical Necessity Guidelines](#).

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS FACILITIES*:

Note: * Excludes: Tufts Health Public Plan products.

HMO AND EPO MEMBERS

Bariatric surgery must be performed at facilities in the Tufts Health Plan DPNBS in order for the procedure to be covered for HMO and EPO Members. Please note that some plans may have a network that is smaller than the full Tufts Health Plan network, and thus not include all facility options listed above. Please call member services with any questions concerning your network options.

POS AND PPO MEMBERS

If POS and PPO members want to receive coverage at the authorized or in-network level of benefits, bariatric surgery must be performed at one of the facilities in the Tufts Health Plan DPNBS. If bariatric surgery is not performed at a DPNBS facility, coverage will be provided at the unauthorized or out of network level of benefits.

**The facilities with a double asterisk are part of the USFHP Designated Provider Network for Bariatric Surgery. USFHP members must use a facility within the USFHP Designated Provider Network for Bariatric Surgery in order for the surgery to be covered.