

2023 Bariatric Surgery

Coverage Announcements Summary

Reported: December 6, 2023

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Source: Policy Reporter

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14	1		3	2	

2023 Coverage Changes
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8-1-2023	X					Healthy Blue BlueChoice Healthplan of South Carolina	N/A	SC	6-28-2023	link
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6-23-2023	X					New England Health	174,150	MA	4-01-2023	link
5-3-2023	X					Kaiser Permanente	825,751	WA	3-1-2023	link
5-3-2023			x			North Dakota BCBS	297,230	ND	5-01-2023	link
5-3-2023			X			Centene Corporation	21,654,207	National	3-2023	link
5-3-2023			X			Highmark-DE	463,825	DE	3-27-2023	link
5-3-2023			X			Highmark-WV	179,100	WV	3-27-2023	link
5-3-2023			X			Highmark-PA	2,574,172	PA	3-27-2023	link
5-3-2023			X			Highmark-NY	476,975	NY	3-27-2023	link
3-1-2023			X			Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield	3,628,587	NJ	3-14-2023	link
3-1-2023	X					Emblem Health	592,742	NY	3-1-2023	link
2-1-2023	X					Blue Shield California	3,111,832	California	2-1-2023	link
2-1-2023	X					United Healthcare Community Plan (Medicaid)	7,600,620	TN, NJ, KY, IN, NC, PA, LA	4-1-2023	link
2-1-2023	X					BCBS Alabama	2,489,304	AL	2-1-2023	link
2-1-2023	X					BCBS Arkansas/BCBS Health Advantage	1,365,731	AK	2-1-2023	link
2-1-2023	X					AETNA	22,172,981	National	2-1-2023	link
2-1-2023				X		Blue Shield California	3,111,832	California	1-1-2023	link
2-1-2023	X					Blue Cross Blue Shield North Carolina	2,823,487	North Carolina	1-1-2023	Link link (PA Code list)
2-1-2023	X					Cap Blue Cross	221,522	Pennsylvania	1-1-2023	link
2-1-2023	X					Florida Blue & Capital Health FL	3,241,611	Florida	1-1-2023	link
2-1-2023	X					Highmark BCBS: PA, DE, WV	3,355,681	PA, DE, WV	1-1-2023	link
2-1-2023	X					BCBS Massachusetts	1,794,025	MA	1-1-2023	link
2-1-2023	X					BCBS Vermont	156,081	VT	1-1-2023	link
2-1-2023	X					BCBS Mississippi	855,727	MS	1-1-2023	link
2-1-2023	X					Humana	13,046,450	National	1-1-2023	link
2-1-2023	X					BCBS Rhode Island	384,264	RI	1-1-2023	link
2-1-2023	X					BCBS North Dakota	288,990	ND	1-1-2023	link

Comorbidities

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5-3-2023	North Dakota BCBS	297,230	ND	05-01-2023	link	Coronary heart disease with objective documentation (by exercise stress test, radionuclide stress test, pharmacologic stress test, stress echocardiography, CT angiography, coronary angiography, heart failure, or prior myocardial infraction); or Hyperlipidemia (above 30mg/dl above guideline-directed goal) on maximum doses of monotherapy); or Diabetes mellitus type II with glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1C) above 8.0% on one or more medications; or Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) (diagnosed by polysomnography showing apnea-hypopnea index of 15 events/hour or more); or Pseudotumor Cerebri
5-3-2023	Centene Corporation	21,654,207	National	3-2023	link	One of the following obesity related co-morbidities has not improved despite using nonsurgical weight loss methods: i) High risk for type 2 DM (insulin resistance, prediabetes, and/or metabolic syndrome); ii) Poorly controlled hypertension; iii) Dyslipidemia; iv) Obstructive sleep apnea; v) Obesity-hypoventilation syndrome/Pickwickian syndrome; vi) Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease or nonalcoholic steatohepatitis; vii)Pseudotumor cerebri; viii) Coronary artery disease; ix) Gastroesophageal reflux disease; x) Asthma; xi) Venous stasis disease; xii)Severe urinary incontinence; xiii) Osteoarthritis (hip, knees and/or ankles); xiv) Idiopathic intracranial hypertension; xv) Disqualification from other specialty surgeries due to obesity (i.e., joint arthroplasty, abdominal wall hernia repair, or organ transplantation);
5-3-2023	Highmark	463,825	DE	3-27-2023	link	Coronary heart disease with objective documentation (by exercise stress test, radionuclide stress test, pharmacologic stress test, stress echocardiography, CT angiography, coronary angiography, heart failure, or prior myocardial infraction); or Hyperlipidemia (above 30mg/dl above guideline-directed goal) on maximum doses of monotherapy); or Diabetes mellitus type II with glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1C) above 8.0% on one or more medications; or Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) (diagnosed by polysomnography showing apnea-hypopnea index of 15 events/hour or more); or Pseudotumor Cerebri
5-3-2023	Highmark	179,100	WV	3-27-2023	link	Coronary heart disease with objective documentation (by exercise stress test, radionuclide stress test, pharmacologic stress test, stress echocardiography, CT angiography, coronary angiography, heart failure, or prior myocardial infraction); or Hyperlipidemia (above 30mg/dl above guideline-directed goal) on maximum doses of monotherapy); or Diabetes mellitus type II with glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1C) above 8.0% on one or more medications; or Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) (diagnosed by polysomnography showing apnea-hypopnea index of 15 events/hour or more); or Pseudotumor Cerebri
5-3-2023	Highmark	2,574,172	PA	3-27-2023	link	Coronary heart disease with objective documentation (by exercise stress test, radionuclide stress test, pharmacologic stress test, stress echocardiography, CT angiography, coronary angiography, heart failure, or prior myocardial infraction); or Hyperlipidemia (above 30mg/dl above guideline-directed goal) on maximum doses of monotherapy); or Diabetes mellitus type II with glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1C) above 8.0% on one or more medications; or Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) (diagnosed by polysomnography showing apnea-hypopnea index of 15 events/hour or more); or Pseudotumor Cerebri
5-3-2023	Highmark	476,975	NY	3-27-2023	link	Coronary heart disease with objective documentation (by exercise stress test, radionuclide stress test, pharmacologic stress test, stress echocardiography, CT angiography, coronary angiography, heart failure, or prior myocardial infraction); or Hyperlipidemia (above 30mg/dl above guideline-directed goal) on maximum doses of monotherapy); or Diabetes mellitus type II with glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1C) above 8.0% on one or more medications; or Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) (diagnosed by polysomnography showing apnea-hypopnea index of 15 events/hour or more); or Pseudotumor Cerebri

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3-1-2023	Horizon BCBS	3,628,587	NJ	3-14-2023	link	For members with diabetes and with a BMI > 30 kg/m2, the following bariatric surgery procedures are considered medically necessary in adults who have failed weight loss by conservative measures: (See requirements listed above under II.D.1, II.D.2 either i or ii, II.D.3 and II.D.4.): Biliopancreatic diversion, Laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding, Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, and Sleeve gastrectomy.

Medically Supervised Weight Loss
(MSWL) Requirements


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9-06-2023	Physicians Health Plan of Michigan	39,600	MI	7-01-2023	link	Removed: Programs such as Weight Watchers® or Optifast® are acceptable alternatives if done under the supervision of a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or registered dietician and detailed documentation of participation is available for review. However, physician-supervised programs consisting exclusively of medication management are not sufficient to meet this requirement.

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12-6-2023	Priority Health Michigan	786,820	MI	11-22-2023	 Adobe Acrobat Document	4. Body Mass Index (BMI) criteria – Member must meet “a” or “b” or “c”: a. BMI ≥ 35: Participation in medical weight management program, and the presence of at least one of the following life-endangering obesity-related co-morbidities: i. Obstructive sleep apnea significant enough to require medical treatment (e.g., prescription oral appliance, positive air pressure therapy) ii. Significant atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (e.g. myocardial infarction, stroke, coronary stenting) iii. Hypertension requiring treatment with at least one medication. iv. Type 2 diabetes mellitus, v. Heart failure Note: Hyperlipidemia, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), and degenerative joint disease do NOT qualify as they are NOT considered life endangering. b. BMI > 40: Participation in a medical weight management program is required (presence of a co-morbidity is NOT required). c. BMI ≥ 50: Neither participation in a medical weight management program, nor presence of a co-morbidity, is required.
12-6-2023	HealthPartners	1,599,680	MN	11-1-2023	link	A member has a documented BMI equal to or greater than 30, but less than 35 (at initial presentation), with type 2 diabetes mellitus, and both of the following: Requiring glucose-lowering drug management (e.g., oral and/or injectable medications), and Documentation of a glycosylated hemoglobin (HgbA1c) level at or above 8%.
11-1-2023	CareSource	2,241,759	OH, GA, IN, KY, WV	10-1-2023	link	.One of the following BMI requirements are met: 1. BMI ≥ 35 kg/m2; or 2. BMI ≥ 30 to 34.9 kg/m2 and at least one serious obesity related condition such as: a. High risk for type II diabetes (insulin resistance, prediabetes, and/or metabolic syndrome) b. Osteoarthritis of knee or hip c. Improving outcomes of knee or hip replacement d. Obstructive Sleep Apnea e. Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease f. Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis g. Pseudotumor cerebri h. Gastroesophageal reflux disease i. Severe urinary stress incontinence j. Poorly controlled hypertension on multiple drug therapy or 3. BMI >30 kg/m2 with type II diabetes mellitus (DM) if documentation is provided that type II DM is inadequately controlled despite optimal medical treatment by either oral or injectable medications, including insulin.
8-1-2023	Capital Blue Cross	207,609	PA	7-1-2023	link	The patient meets one (1) of the following BMI categories: o BMI > 35 kg/m2 o BMI ≥ 30 kg/m2 with at least one of the following: • Asthma; or • Bone and joint diseases; or • Cardiovascular disease (e.g. coronary artery disease, heart failure, atrial fibrillation); or Chronic kidney disease; or • Dyslipidemia; or • Fatty liver disease and nonalcoholic steatohepatitis; or • Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD); or • Hypertension; or • Infertility; or • Obstructive sleep apnea; or • Polycystic ovarian syndrome; or • Pseudotumor cerebri; or • Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2D)
8-1-2023	BCBS Massachusetts	1,773,100	MA	7-1-2023	link	Bariatric Surgery in Individuals with Diabetes with a BMI > 30 kg/m2 For individuals with diabetes with a BMI > 30 kg/m2 , the following bariatric surgery procedures may be considered MEDICALLY NECESSARY in adults who have failed weight loss by conservative measures: • Biliopancreatic diversion, • Laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding, • Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, AND • Sleeve gastrectomy.
6/23/2023	BCBS Vermont	161,286	VT	5/1/2023	link	Must meet the following Body Mass Index (BMI) criteria: • BMI ≥35 kg/m2 ; OR • BMI ≥30 kg/m2 with at least one of the following clinically significant obesity-related complications remediable by weight loss: - Diabetes mellitus - obstructive sleep apnea - coronary artery disease - hypertension - medical arthropathy- nonalcoholic fatty liver disease/non-alcoholicsteatohepatitis - urinary stress incontinence - lower extremity lymphedema or venous obstruction; OR • BMI >27.5kg/m2 with co-morbidity of diabetes mellitus or metabolic syndrome AND of Asian origin

SADIs

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11-1-2023	United Health Plan	42,601,121	National	10-1-2023	link	Deleted: Coding Clarification: Utilize CPT code 43775 to report laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy rather than the unlisted CPT code 43659.
9-06-2023	Priority Health of Michigan	1,029,052	MI	8-23-2023	link	Not Covered: C9784 Gastric restrictive procedure, endoscopic sleeve gastropasty, with esophagogastroduodenoscopy and intraluminal tube insertion, if performed, including all system and tissue anchoring components. C9785 Endoscopic outlet reduction, gastric pouch application, with endoscopy and intraluminal tube insertion, if performed, including all system and tissue anchoring components
9-06-2023	Physicians Health Plan of Michigan	39,600	MI	7-01-2023	link	Not Covered: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon, 43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s), 43842 Gastric restrictive procedure, without gastric bypass, for morbid obesity; vertical-banded gastropasty
8-1-2023	Simply Healthcare	890,864	FL	6-28-2023	link	Not Covered: C9784 Gastric restrictive procedure, endoscopic sleeve gastropasty, with esophagogastroduodenoscopy and intraluminal tube insertion, if performed, including all system and tissue anchoring components. C9785 Endoscopic outlet reduction, gastric pouch application, with endoscopy and intraluminal tube insertion, if performed, including all system and tissue anchoring components
8-1-2023	Healthy Blue BlueChoice HealthPlan of South Carolina	N/A	SC	6-28-2023	link	Not Covered: C9784 Gastric restrictive procedure, endoscopic sleeve gastropasty, with esophagogastroduodenoscopy and intraluminal tube insertion, if performed, including all system and tissue anchoring components. C9785 Endoscopic outlet reduction, gastric pouch application, with endoscopy and intraluminal tube insertion, if performed, including all system and tissue anchoring components
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8-1-2023	Highmark Western & Northeastern NY	478,642	NY	7-1--2023	link	Not Covered: C9784 Gastric restrictive procedure, endoscopic sleeve gastropasty, with esophagogastroduodenoscopy and intraluminal tube insertion, if performed, including all system and tissue anchoring components. C9785 Endoscopic outlet reduction, gastric pouch application, with endoscopy and intraluminal tube insertion, if performed, including all system and tissue anchoring components
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8-1-2023	Highmark WV	179,109	WV	7-1--2023	link	Not Covered: C9784 Gastric restrictive procedure, endoscopic sleeve gastropasty, with esophagogastroduodenoscopy and intraluminal tube insertion, if performed, including all system and tissue anchoring components. C9785 Endoscopic outlet reduction, gastric pouch application, with endoscopy and intraluminal tube insertion, if performed, including all system and tissue anchoring components

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8-1-2023	Capital Health	130,142	FL	7-1--2023	link	Not Covered: C9784 Gastric restrictive procedure, endoscopic sleeve gastropasty, with esophagogastroduodenoscopy and intraluminal tube insertion, if performed, including all system and tissue anchoring components. C9785 Endoscopic outlet reduction, gastric pouch application, with endoscopy and intraluminal tube insertion, if performed, including all system and tissue anchoring components
8-1-2023	CIGNA	16,003,633	National	7-1--2023	link	Not Covered: C9784 Gastric restrictive procedure, endoscopic sleeve gastropasty, with esophagogastroduodenoscopy and intraluminal tube insertion, if performed, including all system and tissue anchoring components. C9785 Endoscopic outlet reduction, gastric pouch application, with endoscopy and intraluminal tube insertion, if performed, including all system and tissue anchoring components

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6-23-2023	CareSource	N/A	NC	5-1-2023	link	New Coverage policy, please see link
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6-23-2023	New England Health	174,150	MA	4-1-2023	link	Not Covered: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)
5-3-2023	Kaiser Permanente	825,751	WA	3-1-2023	link	Not Covered: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)
3-1-2023	Emblem Health	592,742	NY	3-1-2023	link	Only for reference purposes, need to check with payer directly: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)/49621 Repair of parastomal hernia, any approach (i.e., open, laparoscopic, robotic), initial or recurrent, including implantation of mesh or other prosthesis, when performed; reducible
2-1-2023	BCBS Alabama	2,489,304	AL	2-1-2023	link	Not Covered: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)
2-1-2023	BCBS Arkansas/BCBS Health Advantage	1,365,731	AK	2-1-2023	link	Not Covered: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)
2-1-2023	AETNA	22,172,981	National	2-1-2023	link	Not Covered: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)/49621 Repair of parastomal hernia, any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic), initial or recurrent, including implantation of mesh or other prosthesis, when performed; reducible

New Procedures

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The following health plans within North America have changed their medical policy for Bariatric Surgery

Reported Date	Plan	Covered Lives	Geography	Effective	Policy	Details
2-1-2023	Blue Shield California	3,111,832	CA	2-1-2023	link	Not Covered: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)
2-1-2023	United Healthcare Community Plan (Medicaid)	7,600,620	TN, NJ, KY,IN, NC,PA, LA	4-1-2023	link	Not Covered: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)
2-1-2023	Blue Cross Blue Shield North Carolina	2,823,487	North Carolina	1-1-2023	link link (PA Code list)	Investigational: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)
2-1-2023	Cap Blue Cross	221,522	Pennsylvania	1-1-2023	link	Experimental and Investigational: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)
2-1-2023	Florida Blue & Capital Health	3,241,611	Florida	1-1-2023	link	Investigational: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)
2-1-2023	Highmark: PA, DE, WV	3,355,681	PA, DE, WV	1-1-2023	link	Experimental and Investigational: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)
2-1-2023	BCBS Massachusetts	1,794,025	Massachusetts	1-1-2023	link	Investigational: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)
2-1-2023	BCBS Vermont	156,081	VT	1-1-2023	link	Investigational: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)
2-1-2023	BCBS Mississippi	855,727	MS	1-1-2023	link	Investigational: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)
2-1-2023	Humana	13,046,450	National	1-1-2023	link	Not Covered: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)
2-1-2023	BCBS Rhode Island	384,264	RI	1-1-2023	link	Not Covered: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon
2-1-2023	BCBS North Dakota	288,990	ND	1-1-2023	link	Not Covered: 43290 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon/43291 Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s)