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Call your insurance company

1. Call the benefits coordinator at your human resource office and/or call the customer service line on your insurance card.
2. State “I am inquiring about my policy benefits regarding the surgical treatment of morbid obesity. Is surgery for morbid obesity a covered benefit?”

If they say no, there are other options:

Self pay. Please feel free to contact us for further information in financing options that may be available to you.

You may use the list below to help you ask all the questions and to document the answers from your insurance company.

- Is surgery for morbid obesity a covered benefit? YES / NO
- Is the CPT code S2083 adjustment of gastric band diameter via subcutaneous port by injection or aspiration of saline a covered benefit? YES / NO
- Is the CPT code 43770 for laparoscopic adjustable banding covered? YES / NO
- Is the CPT code 43775 for laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy covered? YES / NO
- Do you have a policy on surgery for morbid obesity that I can obtain? YES / NO
- What information do you require before authorizing the surgery?
  - Nutrition consult? YES / NO
  - Psychological consult? YES / NO
  - Medical clearance from a physician? YES / NO
  - Letter from surgeon? YES / NO
  - Documentation of weight loss attempts? How far back? YES / NO \_\_\_\_\_
  - Documentation of length of obesity? How far back? YES / NO \_\_\_\_\_
  - Medically supervised weight loss program? By whom? YES / NO \_\_\_\_\_
- Is a medically supervised weight loss program required prior to approval? If yes, how long?