UCI Health

Learn about your insurance coverage

Are you thinking about having bariatric surgery? Insurance coverage is a major consideration for many patients. Below are some questions to ask your insurance to understand how you are covered for bariatric surgery and what conditions you may need to meet to qualify.

Before starting on your weight-loss journey, we recommend calling your insurance plan and asking the questions below. You can usually find your plan's customer service number listed on the back of your insurance card.

- Do I have bariatric coverage with my plan?
  (CPT codes: 43775 Lap Sleeve Gastrectomy, 43644 RYGB, 43889 Endoscopic Sleeve Gastroplasty)
- Will my BMI qualify for bariatric surgery?
- What are qualifying comorbidities?
- If I have no comorbidities, will my bariatric surgery be covered by my insurance?
- Do I need weight management with my doctor or dietician for 3 to 6 months before surgery?
- Do my weight management visits need to be consecutive?
- What happens if I have a lapse in my weight management visits (e.g., I miss a month)?
- How much are my out-of-pocket, deductible and copayment for my bariatric surgery?
- Are there other requirements?
- Do I need medical clearance from my primary doctor?
- Is UCI Medical Center (Tax ID# 952226406) contracted with my plan? Is it a center of excellence with my plan?

Notes

Date: _____ Agent's name: _____

Time: _____ Reference call #: _____

Helpful Information

CPT codes:
- 43775 Lap Sleeve Gastrectomy
- 43644 Lap Bypass (RYGB)
- 43889 Endoscopic Sleeve Gastroplasty

Diagnosis code: E66.0

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