INSURANCE AUTHORIZATION

Weight loss surgery is endorsed by the National Institutes of Health as the only effective treatment for morbid obesity. However, many policies do not offer this as a covered benefit.

Contact your insurance provider to determine if weight loss surgery is a covered benefit in your particular policy. Please have this information prior to your initial consult visit.

Telephone number and extension called (Number usually found on your insurance card)	
Contact person's name	
Date and time of call	

Questions for your insurance provider:

Is surgery for morbid obesity a covered benefit? **YES** **NO**

Are the following CPT codes covered?

- ☐ **Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Band 43770** **YES** **NO**
- ☐ **Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass/Roux en Y 43644** **YES** **NO**
- ☐ **Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy 43775** **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**
- ☐ **Documentation of length of obesity**
- ☐ **Medical clearance from physician**
- ☐ **Letter from surgeon**
- ☐ **Nutritional consult**
- ☐ **Psychological consult**