

Bariatric Surgery Revision Insurance Policy
Summary

Insurer/Plan	Revision Policy and Qualifying Criteria
Aetna	<p>1. Gastric Band Removal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If recommended by physician. - If complicated by erosion, stricture, obstruction or slippage. <p>2. Revision to secondary procedure if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BMI >40 or >35 with comorbid condition - initial bariatric procedure was medically necessary and - initial weight loss was successful >50% EWL - subsequent inadequate weight loss <50% EWL at 2 years following primary operation - dilated stomach pouch, dilated gastrojejunal stoma, dilation of gastrojejunostomy - complications of adjustable gastric band that cannot be corrected by manipulation, adjustment or replacement <p>3. Reoperation for complications covered (such as obstruction, stricture, erosion, or band slippage)</p>

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Blue Cross / Blue Shield Federal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Satisfaction of all initial primary bariatric criteria including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BMI >40 or >35 with comorbid condition for recent 2 years - No recent (<1yr) treatment for drug abuse - No recent tobacco use (<6 mo) - Psychologic clearance - Preoperative nutritional counseling - Participation in a medically managed exercise and dietary program for 3 mo - Ineffective weight loss attempts within 1 yr of surgery 2. Two years since prior bariatric surgery 3. Inadequate weight loss from initial procedure <50% EWL 4. Compliance with previous post operative nutrition and exercise 5. Reoperation for complications (such as a fistula, obstruction, erosion, disruption/leakage of a suture/staple line, band herniation, or pouch enlargement due to vomiting)

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Blue Cross / Blue Shield Anthem	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Satisfaction of all initial primary bariatric criteria including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BMI >40 or >35 with comorbid conditions - Appropriate medical candidate - Appropriate surgical candidate - Psychiatric clearance via mental health assessment - Preoperative nutritional counseling - Participation in a non-surgical medically managed exercise and dietary program for 6 continuous months - Ineffective weight loss attempts within 2 yr of surgery 2. Two years since prior bariatric surgery 3. Inadequate weight loss from initial procedure <50% EWL 4. Weight remains >30% over ideal body weight 5. Compliance with previous post operative nutrition and exercise 6. Stretching of stomach pouch due to overeating is not considered medically necessary and not covered 7. Reoperation for complications (such as a fistula, obstruction, erosion, disruption/leakage of a suture/staple line, band herniation, or pouch enlargement due to vomiting)

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Cigna	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Satisfaction of all initial primary bariatric criteria including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BMI >40 or >35 with comorbid conditions - Appropriate medical candidate - Appropriate surgical candidate - Psychiatric clearance via mental health assessment - Preoperative nutritional counseling - Participation in a non surgical medically managed exercise and dietary program for 3 continuous months - Ineffective weight loss attempts within 1yr of surgery 2. Two years from prior bariatric surgery 3. Inadequate weight loss from initial procedure <50% EWL or final achieved weight that is >30% ideal body weight 4. Evidence of technical failure of initial operation, e.g. pouch dilation 5. Compliance with previous postoperative nutrition and exercise 6. Covers reversal of bariatric surgery due to medical complications such as stricture or obstruction
Missouri Care	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Website problems

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United Health Care	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Satisfaction of all initial primary bariatric criteria including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BMI >40 or >35 with comorbid conditions - Appropriate medical candidate - Appropriate surgical candidate - Psychiatric clearance via mental health assessment - Preoperative nutritional counseling - Participation in a non surgical medically managed exercise and dietary program for 6 continuous months - Ineffective weight loss attempts within 1yr of surgery 2. No defined timeframe from prior bariatric surgery 3. No definition of failure / complication of inadequate weight loss from initial procedure 4. Evidence of technical failure of initial operation, e.g. pouch dilation, dysphagia, abdominal pain, vomiting, band erosion or slip 5. Covers reversal of bariatric surgery due to medical complications such as stricture or obstruction

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Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Satisfaction of all initial primary bariatric criteria including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BMI >40 or >35 with comorbid conditions - Appropriate medical candidate - Appropriate surgical candidate - Psychiatric clearance via mental health assessment - Preoperative nutritional counseling - Participation in a nonsurgical medically managed exercise and dietary program for 6 continuous months - Ineffective weight loss attempts within 1yr of surgery 2. Two years from prior bariatric surgery 3. Inadequate weight loss from initial procedure <50% EWL or final achieved weight that is >30% ideal body weight 4. Evidence of technical failure of initial operation, e.g. pouch dilation, dysphagia, abdominal pain, vomiting, band erosion or slip 5. Covers reversal of bariatric surgery due to medical complications such as stricture or obstruction 6. Requires documentation of exercise and nutritional compliance

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GHI Emblem Health	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Satisfaction of all initial primary bariatric criteria including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- BMI >40 or >35 with comorbid conditions- Appropriate medical candidate- Appropriate surgical candidate- Psychiatric clearance via mental health assessment- Preoperative nutritional counseling2. Two years since prior bariatric surgery3. Inadequate weight loss from initial procedure <50% EWL4. Weight remains >30% over ideal body weight5. Compliance with previous postoperative nutrition and exercise6. Reoperation for complications (such as a fistula, obstruction, erosion, disruption/leakage of a suture/staple line, band herniation, or pouch enlargement in a member who experienced appropriate weight loss prior to the pouch dilation)