

**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 gastrojejunostomy 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	<p>1. Satisfaction of all initial primary bariatric criteria including:</p> <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 <p>2. Two years since prior bariatric surgery</p> <p>3. Inadequate weight loss from initial procedure <50% EWL</p> <p>4. Compliance with previous post operative nutrition and exercise</p> <p>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)</p>

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Blue Cross / Blue Shield Anthem	<p>1. Satisfaction of all initial primary bariatric criteria including:</p> <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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ineffective weight loss attempts within 2 yr of surgery <p>2. Two years since prior bariatric surgery</p> <p>3. Inadequate weight loss from initial procedure <50% EWL</p> <p>4. Weight remains >30% over ideal body weight</p> <p>5. Compliance with previous post operative nutrition and exercise</p> <p>6. Stretching of stomach pouch due to overeating is not considered medically necessary and not covered</p> <p>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)</p>

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Cigna	<p>1. Satisfaction of all initial primary bariatric criteria including:</p> <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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ineffective weight loss attempts within 1yr of surgery <p>2. Two years from prior bariatric surgery</p> <p>3. Inadequate weight loss from initial procedure <50% EWL or final achieved weight that is >30% ideal body weight</p> <p>4. Evidence of technical failure of initial operation, e.g. pouch dilation</p> <p>5. Compliance with previous postoperative nutrition and exercise</p> <p>6. Covers reversal of bariatric surgery due to medical complications such as stricture or obstruction</p>
Missouri Care	<p>1. Website problems</p>

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United Health Care	<p>1. Satisfaction of all initial primary bariatric criteria including:</p> <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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ineffective weight loss attempts within 1yr of surgery <p>2. No defined timeframe from prior bariatric surgery</p> <p>3. No definition of failure / complication of inadequate weight loss from initial procedure</p> <p>4. Evidence of technical failure of initial operation, e.g. pouch dilation, dysphagia, abdominal pain, vomiting, band erosion or slip</p> <p>5. Covers reversal of bariatric surgery due to medical complications such as stricture or obstruction</p>

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Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan	<p>1. Satisfaction of all initial primary bariatric criteria including:</p> <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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ineffective weight loss attempts within 1yr of surgery <p>2. Two years from prior bariatric surgery</p> <p>3. Inadequate weight loss from initial procedure <50% EWL or final achieved weight that is >30% ideal body weight</p> <p>4. Evidence of technical failure of initial operation, e.g. pouch dilation, dysphagia, abdominal pain, vomiting, band erosion or slip</p> <p>5. Covers reversal of bariatric surgery due to medical complications such as stricture or obstruction</p> <p>6. Requires documentation of exercise and nutritional compliance</p>

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GHI Emblem Health	<p>1. Satisfaction of all initial primary bariatric criteria including:</p> <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 <p>2. Two years since prior bariatric surgery</p> <p>3. Inadequate weight loss from initial procedure <50% EWL</p> <p>4. Weight remains >30% over ideal body weight</p> <p>5. Compliance with previous postoperative nutrition and exercise</p> <p>6. 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)</p>