

### **BlueCross Federal Employees Program (1/07)**

<http://www.fepblue.org/pdf/sbp2008.pdf>

- BMI of 40 or greater OR BMI 35 or more with co-morbidities
- Documentation of failed diets by conservative treatment
- Letter of support from primary care physician
- 18 years of age
- Gastric bypass and Lap-band procedures are covered

### **BlueCross Florida (5/06)**

<http://mcgs.bcbsfl.com/>

- BMI of 35 or greater
- Diagnosed as morbidly obese for at least 5 years
- Documentation of physician supervised non-surgical management weight loss program (e.g., diet, exercise, drugs) for at least 6 consecutive months
- No thyroid or endocrine disorders
- Psychological evaluation
- Letter from PCP to provide facts supporting medical necessity
- Gastric bypass, Lap-band and BPD/DS procedures are covered. Sleeve gastrectomy not covered
- Revisions: covered for one of the following conditions and/or diagnoses:
  - weight loss of 20% or more below the ideal body weight,
  - esophagitis, hemorrhage or hematoma complicating a procedure,
  - vomiting following gastrointestinal surgery,
  - gastrointestinal complications (i.e., complications of intestinal anastomosis and bypass),
  - stomal dilatation (documented by endoscopy not UGI),
  - pouch dilation documented by upper gastrointestinal examination or endoscopy producing weight gain of 20% or more,
  - stomal stenosis after vertical banding documented by endoscopy and producing vomiting or weight loss of 20% or more,
  - other and unspecified post surgical nonabsorption, other post-operative functional disorders,
  - severe dumping syndrome,
  - post-gastric surgery syndromes,
  - disruption of operation wound,
  - staple line failure documented by upper gastrointestinal examination,
  - disrupted staple line provided there has been prior weight loss