

BlueCross Massachusetts (4/9/08)

http://www.bluecrossma.com/common/en_US/medical_policies/379_Medical_and_Surgical_Management_of_Obesity_including_Anorexiants_prn.pdf#page=1

- BMI of 40 or greater OR BMI 35-40 with one or more of the following high risk co-morbid conditions: sleep apnea, Pickwickian syndrome, pseudotumor cerebri, obesity related cardiomyopathy, type II diabetes, at least stage 1 hypertension after combination pharmacotherapy, coronary artery disease or obesity related pulmonary hypertension
- 18 years of age or documentation of complete bone growth
- Letter from primary care physician stating that the patient is well informed and motivated with acceptable operative risks, a strong desire for substantial weight loss, and failed other non-surgical approaches to long-term weight loss.
- Gastric bypass and Lap-band procedures are covered, Lap-band not covered for patients under 18 years of age