

BlueCross South Carolina (11/07)

<http://67.32.116.245/internet/cmpd/cmp/mdclplcy.nsf/DispAlphaList?openform>
Open Gastric Bypass

- BMI of 40 or greater OR BMI 35-39 in conjunction with severe co-morbidities (CAD, Type 2 Diabetes, medically refractory hypertension, etc.)
- Treatment of morbid obesity that has not responded to conservative measures Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass
- Treatment of morbid obesity that has not responded to conservative measures; or
- At increased risk of adverse consequences of a RYGB due to the presence of any of the following:
 - Hepatic cirrhosis with elevated liver function tests; or
 - Inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis); or
 - Radiation enteritis; or
 - Demonstrated abdominal surgery, multiple minor surgeries, or major trauma; or
 - Poorly controlled system disease Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Banding
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- Above minimum BMI requirement and, in addition, have a maximum BMI of less than 50
- Gastric bypass is covered and Lap-band procedures are covered