

Tricare North – Region 17 (3/08)

<https://www.hnfs.net/common/home/> (Link to site only)

- BMI of 35 or greater with comorbid condition
- If you have Tricare Prime, a referral from your Primary Care Physician to our surgeon is required
- Documentation of continued obesity despite supervised diet program greater than 6 months
- Cardiac/pulmonary evaluation
- Dietary consultation
- Letter of support from primary care physician
- Psychological evaluation
- TSH (lab work)
- Peptic Ulcer Disease excluded by either an EGD, UGI or H. pylori test
- No history of drug or alcohol abuse
- Patient understanding of surgical risk, post procedure, and follow-up
- Gastric bypass and Lap-Band procedures are covered

Tricare South (2/08)

<http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/jsp/Medical/IsItCovered.do?kw=Gastric+Bypass&x=11&y=13>

- A patient is 100 pounds or more over ideal weight for height & body structure & has one of these associated medical conditions: Diabetes mellitus, hypertension, cholecystitis, narcolepsy, Pickwickian Syndrome (other severe respiratory diseases) hypothalamic disorders & severe arthritis of the weight-bearing joints OR A patient is 200% or more of the ideal weight for height & body structure, then an associated medical condition is not required for this category
- Letter of support from primary care physician
- If you have Tricare Prime, a referral from your Primary Care Physician to our surgeon is required
- A patient has complications from a non-covered surgical treatment for obesity, such as intestinal bypass, and needs one of the three surgical procedures that are covered
- Gastric bypass and Lap-band procedures are covered Please note – depending on your Tricare region, you may be asked for additional information. This criteria is for the south region.