

Pathway to Bariatric Surgery Checklist

The process towards bariatric surgery is in accordance with insurance and surgical criteria. Our checklist is designed to help you complete all criteria prior to seeking insurance authorization. Our checklist is not an exhaustive list and the timeline for each patient may slightly differ in terms of insurance policy, ancillary results, willingness to comply, etc. Please verify with your insurance that the service provider is in-network prior to scheduling.

Steps 1- 7 are mandatory for ALL patients.

Step 1: **Letter of Medical Necessity**

- Sample letter is provided for your Primary Care Physician

Step 2: **Psychological Evaluation**

- Please verify with your insurance that the service provider is in-network

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Step 3: **Nutritional Evaluation**

- Please verify with your insurance that the service provider is in-network

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Step 4: **Exercise Evaluation**

- Initial evaluation + 4 exercise classes (\$40)

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Step 5: **EMMI Education Program**

- An interactive video program online to view your bariatric procedure & anesthesia
- Access code provided for you and sent via e-mail

Step 6: **Support Group**

- Register with front office upon initial consult check out
- Or online registration at <https://buffaloweightlossportal.patrx.com/Seminar>

Step 7: **Baseline Labs**

- Script provided for you or you can obtain the following from your PCP (within 6 months)
- CBC, CMP, Lipid Panel, Ferritin, Total Iron, TIBC, Vitamin B12, Vitamin D, Calcium, HgA1C, TSH, Folate

Step 8: **Medically Supervised Weight Management Program Requirement**

- Provided only if criteria is an insurance requirement

- Step 9: Additional Criteria if assigned by physician**
 - Please verify with your insurance that the service provider is in-network

<input type="checkbox"/> Endoscopy (EGD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digestive Health Physicians (716) 895-4400 2625 Harlem Rd Suite 240 Cheektowaga, NY 14225 	<input type="checkbox"/> Polysomnography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catholic Health SleepCare <i>St Joseph Campus</i> (716) 891-2782 2605 Harlem Rd Cheektowaga NY 14225 <i>Kenmore Mercy</i> (716) 447-6046 2950 Elmwood Avenue Kenmore NY 14217 	<input type="checkbox"/> Ultrasound <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - St Joseph Campus Radiology (716) 891-2120 2505 Harlem Rd Cheektowaga NY 14225
<input type="checkbox"/> Cardiology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trinity Medical Cardiology (716) 835-2966 <i>Multiple locations</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> Pulmonology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pulmonary Group of WNY (716) 631-8863 100 College Pkwy, St 110 Williamsville NY 14221 	<input type="checkbox"/> Hematology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Adam Kotowski 716-634-3340 199 Park Club Lane, St 200 Williamsville, NY 14221
<input type="checkbox"/> Colonoscopy (>50 yrs old) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digestive Health Physicians (716) 895-4400 2625 Harlem Rd Suite 240 Cheektowaga, NY 14225 - <i>If last screening was within 7 years, please forward copy to (716) 893-3038</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> Mammogram (Females >45 yrs old) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Please obtain from PCP and forward copy to (716) 893-3038</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> Pap Smear (Females >18 yrs old) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Please obtain from PCP and forward copy to (716) 893-3038</i> - <i>Excluded if patient has h/o hysterectomy</i>

- Step 10: Follow up after Initial Evaluation**
 - Review **ALL** completed criteria to determine if any additional tests need to be done
- Step 11: Provider Review**
 - Our providers will review completion of all criteria and medical chart
- Step 12: Insurance Specialist Review and Insurance Submission**
 - Please allow 1-8 weeks for a response from your insurance company.
- Step 13: Surgical Coordinator Review**
 - HgA1c \leq 7.0%
 - CPAP compliance and therapy report
 - 14 consecutive days > 4 hours at 100% usage to schedule surgery and compliance must be kept >80% to maintain surgery date
 - Negative Nicotine screening
 - Additional circumstance that will determine surgical date include but are not limited to:
 - Hospital Availability, Provider Availability, Type of Procedure, Type of Insurance
- Step 14: Surgery Preparation**
 - Review of surgery readiness may take up to 5-7 business days from insurance authorization at which time you will receive an e-mail notifying you of subsequent steps including:
 - Pre-Surgical Review class
 - Pre-Admission Testing and Medical Clearance
- Step 15: Surgery!** ☺