

Designated Weight Loss Surgery Providers

What is the purpose of the Designated Provider Network for Weight Loss Surgery?

The purpose of the Network is to have safe and successful surgical and long term weight loss treatment. The providers in the Designated Provider Network have not only demonstrated competency but also a commitment to outcome measurement and an integrated approach to weight loss surgery. For successful surgical and long-term management of weight loss treatment, the evidence supported the need for surgical expertise, a solid pre and post surgical program, patient selection criteria, and a commitment to long term follow-up.

Who is included in the Weight Loss Surgery network?

The following Designated Providers were selected based on their submitted responses to a HealthPartners request for proposal evaluation.

HealthPartners Designated Weight Loss Surgery Network		
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Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Banding (LAGB) Surgeons		
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Prior Authorization and Prior Notification for Weight Loss Surgery

Prior Authorization or Prior Notification to the HealthPartners Corporate Medical Director is required for weight loss surgery regardless of location. The designated provider is responsible for accomplishing this by contacting Member Services at 952-883-5000 for direction or faxing the request to the Quality and Utilization Improvement department at 952-853-8713.