



Does your health insurance plan cover weight loss surgery?

On average, 75% of insurance plans cover weight loss surgery if medically necessary. Does your plan cover weight loss surgery? Here's how to find out if you're covered.



- 1. Call your insurance provider.** If you're not sure about weight loss surgery coverage on your plan, call your insurance provider and ask the following questions. You may experience a wait time of up to 30 minutes. Make sure you have your insurance card available.

Is bariatric surgery a covered benefit under my plan?

Provide the following information:

- First and last name
- Date of Birth (DOB)
- ID number
- Group number
- Relationship to the insurance subscriber (If you are not the primary subscriber)
- Insurance contract number

Which weight loss surgeries are covered?

Procedure Name	CPT Code (a number your insurance provider needs)
Gastric Bypass	43644
Adjustable Gastric Band	43770
Sleeve Gastrectomy	43659
Duodenal Switch	43845

Are there any hospitals or surgeons in the area that you do not contract with?

(This may help you select a surgeon who is included in your plan.)

May I have a copy of my insurance policy?

(Optional—If you want to know more details about your plan.)

- 2. If weight-loss surgery is covered, congratulations.** It's time to move forward on the path to your healthier weight and attend a free informational seminar about the REALIZE™ Solution, if you haven't already. You'll hear from a bariatric surgeon and from patients who have had weight loss surgery. To find one in your area, go to www.REALIZE.com. Simply put your zip code in the Surgeon/Seminar Finder for a list of surgeons and scheduled seminars. Seminars are purely for your information—there's no pressure to make a commitment.

- 3. If coverage is denied, don't be discouraged. You can appeal or explore other financing options.** To learn how, go to www.REALIZE.com and select "Insurance and Financing."

If you need help or more information, visit www.REALIZE.com or contact the REALIZE Team at 1-866-REALIZE (1-866-732-5493). We are committed to helping you achieve and maintain a healthier weight.



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