

## INSURANCE

An insurance company's requirements for meeting medical necessity vary by insurance carrier. As you have read in your packet we ask that you call your insurance company and find out before your visit here. It is the patient's responsibility not Surgical Associates to find the answers to these questions. Please call your insurance company and get the answers to the questions below. Ask your insurance company to mail you a copy of their medical policy with an outline of their criteria for meeting medical necessity. **Please do not send the copy to us**, use it to help you complete this form. Sign and return this form to Surgical Associates with your history forms. **We will not be able to schedule an appointment for you until we have this form returned to our office and all questions are answered completely.**

- 1) Does your insurance company cover surgery for morbid obesity? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) If they cover it do they cover the Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Do they cover the Lap-Band? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) What are your insurance company's guidelines for meeting medical necessity?
  - a) What are their BMI requirements? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) How many years must you have been severely obese? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) How many months of physician supervised diet and exercise do they require?  
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- 5) Are there any age requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

It is important to understand that not only do you need to meet your insurance company's requirements but also those of Surgical Associates as outlined in the Surgical Associates Guide to Weight Loss Surgery. By signing this form you are stating that you are aware of your insurance company's policy and you are willing to meet these requirements before the approval process for surgery is started.

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Signature

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Date