

## Insurance Lap band Surgery for Weight Loss and Losing Weight

Losing weight with the lap band is a life-changing event for the better. Lap band patients can lose an average of 40 percent of their excess weight in the year following the procedure. Some people who have had serious health problems while obese have seen these ailments completely resolve after losing weight. Even with all of the well-documented benefits that the lap band provides, you might have trouble getting your insurance company to pay for it. For most people, the price tag puts the surgery out of financial reach, therefore insurance approval is crucial.

Generally if you qualify physically for the surgery and your health insurance covers lap band, you should be able to get coverage with no major issues. Most insurance companies and surgeons go by the guidelines set up by The National Institutes of Health (NIH). The physical requirements are considered the standard for determining whether you are a candidate for lap band or other weight loss surgeries. Most health insurance companies prefer that you meet these requirements. A good candidate for lap band is morbidly obese with a BMI of 40 or above. Your insurance will accept a lower BMI if you have an obesity-related health problem.

### Common Obesity-Related Conditions

- Diabetes
- Osteoarthritis
- Congestive heart failure
- Hypertension
- GERD
- Sleep apnea
- Gallbladder disease
- Insulin resistance
- Asthma

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