

# Centers of Excellence Program

## Weight Loss Surgery Centers of Excellence Program

Harvard Pilgrim's Weight Loss (Bariatric) Surgery Centers of Excellence program (established in 2008) follows guidelines similar to those established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and is designed to ensure that members who require weight loss surgery have access to well-integrated programs focused on patient health and safety, and cross-functional team support.

### Certification

Facilities designated as Harvard Pilgrim Centers of Excellence have met stringent quality criteria established by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP) established by the American College of Surgeons and the American Society of Bariatric Surgery (ASBS).

### Member Eligibility

Members with weight loss surgery benefits are eligible for coverage of bariatric surgeries when their history and medical condition(s) meet Harvard Pilgrim's Bariatric Surgery Medical Review Criteria. (Medical Review Criteria are posted under Medical Management on Harvard Pilgrim's provider site at [www.harvardpilgrim.org/public/find-a-provider](http://www.harvardpilgrim.org/public/find-a-provider).) For HMO members, covered procedures must be performed at one of Harvard Pilgrim's designated Weight Loss Surgery Centers of Excellence. For POS and PPO members, procedures performed at designated Weight Loss Surgery Centers of Excellence are covered at lower cost-sharing amounts.

### Facilities

To find a current list of Harvard Pilgrim's Weight Loss Surgery Centers of Excellence, go to [www.harvardpilgrim.org/public/find-a-provider](http://www.harvardpilgrim.org/public/find-a-provider).

## Other Information

For more information about Harvard Pilgrim's Weight Loss Surgery Centers of Excellence program, call the Provider Call Center at 800-708-4414.

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