



MEDICAL POLICY STATEMENT GEORGIA MEDICAID

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Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery: Revision	MM-1060	12/01/2020-10/31/2021
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A. Subject

Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery: Revision

B. Background

Revision procedures are typically done because of complications from or a failure of the initial surgical procedure. Complications may include surgical or anatomical complications, as well as nutritional or metabolic complications. A failure of the initial bariatric surgery may result in an inadequate weight loss or a weight regain.

C. Definitions

- **Revision** - Maintaining the same anatomy as the primary surgery.
- **Inadequate weight loss** - Less than 50% expected weight loss and/or weight remains greater than 40% over ideal body weight (normal body weight BMI parameter = 18.5-24.9).

D. Policy

- I. A prior authorization is required.
- II. An inadequate weight loss due only to non-compliance with dietary, behavior, or exercise recommendations is not a medically necessary indication for a revision procedure.
- III. A revision procedure is medically necessary when all of the following criteria are met and documented in the medical record:
 - A. Surgery/procedure selected is a proven procedure and not considered experimental/investigational; and
 - B. A technical failure or major complication has occurred from the initial procedure that cannot be managed medically.
 1. Technical failure and major complication examples:
 - a. Persistent pain and recurrent bleeding occur;
 - b. Chronic stenosis remains after multiple dilations;
 - c. Faulty component or malfunction that cannot be repaired;
 - d. Candy cane Roux syndrome;
 - e. Complications that cannot be corrected with band manipulation; adjustments or replacement including band slippage and port leakage; or
 - f. Obstruction confirmed by imaging studies.

NOTE: Stretching of a stomach pouch formed by a previous bariatric surgery due to overeating, is not considered a complication and is not considered medically necessary.

- IV. In the absence of a technical failure or major complication, individuals with weight loss failure \geq two years following the initial bariatric surgery procedure must meet the initial medical necessity criteria for surgery.



E. Conditions of Coverage

F. Related Policies/Rules

Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery in Adults 20 and older
 Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery in Adolescents
 Experimental or Investigational Item or Service

G. Review/Revision History

DATE		ACTION
Date Issued	07/22/2020	New policy – Separated out from policies listed in Related policies/rules
Date Revised		
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Date Archived	10/31/2021	This Policy is no longer active and has been archived. Please note that there could be other Policies that may have some of the same rules incorporated and CareSource reserves the right to follow CMS/State/NCCI guidelines without a formal documented Policy.

H. References

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The Medical Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the Medical Policy Statement Policy and is approved.

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