

WAC 182-550-2301 Hospital and medical criteria requirements for bariatric surgery. (1) The medicaid agency pays a hospital for bariatric surgery and bariatric surgery-related services only when the surgery is provided in an inpatient hospital setting and only when:

(a) The client:

(i) Qualifies for bariatric surgery by successfully completing all requirements under WAC 182-531-1600; and

(ii) Continues to meet the criteria to qualify for bariatric surgery under WAC 182-531-1600 up to the actual surgery date.

(b) The hospital:

(i) Is accredited by the metabolic and bariatric surgery accreditation and quality improvement program (MBSAQIP); and

(ii) Receives prior authorization from the agency before performing a bariatric surgery for a Washington apple health client.

(2) See WAC 182-531-1600(13) for requirements for surgeons who perform bariatric surgery.

(3) Authorization does not guarantee payment. Authorization for bariatric surgery and bariatric surgery-related services is valid only if:

(a) The client is eligible on the date of admission and date of service; and

(b) The hospital and professional providers meet the criteria in this section and other applicable WAC to perform bariatric surgery or to provide bariatric surgery-related services.

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