

Medica's Centers of Excellence Program for Bariatric Care

Important - Instructions for Coverage of Bariatric Surgery

(The table on the following pages lists the approved providers in Medica's Centers of Excellence program)

In order to receive the highest level of benefits under your plan, please follow the instructions below prior to receiving bariatric surgery:

1. Verify coverage

Contact Medica Customer Service at the telephone number on the back of your Medica ID card to verify that bariatric surgery is covered under your benefit.

2. Obtain a prior authorization

Medica requires prior authorization (approval ahead of time) for bariatric surgery. When speaking to Customer Service, make sure you ask about the steps required to obtain a prior authorization.

3. Choose an approved provider

In order for your bariatric surgery to be covered under your benefit, you must (a) use a clinic / physician and hospital in the Medica Centers of Excellence program, and (b) verify that the clinic / physician and hospital are in your health plan network. The table below lists the clinics / physicians and hospitals that are part of the Medica Centers of Excellence program, by state and city.

Follow the steps below:

- (a) Choose the clinic / physician that best fits your needs. **Note:** Clinics / physicians must perform surgeries and admit patients only at the hospital listed to the right of their name in the table.
- (b) To verify that the clinic / physician and hospital you have chosen are in your health plan network (i.e., Medica Choice, Passport from Medica), locate your health plan on the right-hand side of the table. An **X** in your health plan's column means you have chosen a network clinic / physician and hospital. If there is no **X**, you must choose a different clinic / physician and hospital.

Always double-check: Clinics / physicians and hospitals are added and removed from this list periodically. To be certain that you have chosen a network clinic / physician and hospital, contact Medica Customer Service at the telephone number on the back of your Medica ID card.

4. A referral may be required

In some cases, a referral is also required. Follow these steps to verify if you will need a referral:

- (a) Locate your health plan on the right-hand side of the table.
- (b) Locate your clinic / physician.
- (c) If you see an **R** in the health plan column that corresponds with your clinic / physician, a referral is required. If there is no **R**, a referral is not required.

Listing of approved providers in Medica's service area as of October 2, 2009

(Reminder: A prior authorization is required for all bariatric surgeries)

State	City	Clinic/Physician	Hospital	Medica Choice	Passport from Medica	Medica Focus	Patient Choice Insights by Medica	Medica Elect	Medica Essential	MCHA
Minnesota	Brainerd	Weight Loss Surgery Center - Ross Bengston, MD - Troy M. Duininck, MD	St. Joseph's Medical Center	X	X		X	R	R	X
	Crosby	Minnesota Institute for Minimally Invasive Surgery - Howard M. McCollister, MD - Paul A. Severson, MD - Timothy P. LeMieur, MD	Cuyuna Regional Medical Center	X	X			R	R	X
	Duluth	Duluth Clinic - Charles Bertel, MD - Tracy Pitt, MD	St. Mary's Medical Center	X	X			R	R	X
	Duluth	St. Luke's Pavilion Surgical Associates - Jay Lenz, MD	St. Mary's Medical Center	X	X			R	R	X
	Edina	Surgical Consultants, PA - Paul L. Benn, MD - Bradley Pierce, MD - Luis Laguna, MD	Fairview Southdale Hospital	X	X	X	X	R	R	X
	Fridley	Allina Medical Clinic - Surgical Specialties - Daniel R. Baker, MD - Fredrick Warren Johnson, MD	Unity Hospital	X	X		X	R	R	X
	Fridley	Baker Bariatrics, LLC - Jeffrey Daniel Baker, MD	Unity Hospital	X	X		X	R	R	X
	Minneapolis	Minneapolis Bariatric Surgeons - Edmund Phelps Chute, MD - Michael Lewis Schwartz, MD - Raymond Lester Drew, MD	Abbott Northwestern Hospital	X	X		X	R	R	X
	Minneapolis	UMP Bariatric Surgery Program - Sayeed Ikramuddin, MD - Todd Andrew Kellogg, MD - Daniel B. Leslie, MD	Abbott Northwestern Hospital	X	X		X	R	R	X
	Minneapolis	Hennepin Faculty Associates - Donald M. Jacobs, MD - Jon Krook, MD - Howard Mitchell Lederer, MD	Hennepin County Medical Center	X	X	X	X	R	R	X
	Minneapolis	UMP Bariatric Surgery Program - Sayeed Ikramuddin, MD - Todd Andrew Kellogg, MD - Daniel B. Leslie, MD - Henry Buchwald, MD - Rafael Andrade, MD	University of Minnesota Medical Center Fairview	X	X	X	X	R	R	X
	Park Rapids	Innovis Health - Park Rapids - Daniel A.P. Smith, MD	St. Joseph's Area	X	X			R	R	X

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Minnesota		- Robert Wroblewski, MD	Health Services							
	St. Cloud	Central Minnesota Surgeons - Darren Glass, MD	St. Cloud Hospital	X	X			R	R	X
	St. Cloud	St. Cloud Medical Group - Robert Shapiro, MD	St. Cloud Hospital	X	X			R	R	X
	St. Cloud	Central Minnesota Surgeons - Matthew J. Bettendorf, MD	St. Cloud Hospital	X	X			R	R	X
	St. Louis Park	Park Nicollet Clinic Bariatric Surgery Program - Charles Allen Svendsen, MD - Robert Emmett Wetherille, III, MD - Thomas Audley Jones, MD	Methodist Hospital	X	X		X	X	R	X
	St. Paul	St. Paul Surgeons, LTD, dba Bariatric Specialist of Minnesota - Peter H. Kelly, MD - William M. Rupp, MD	United Hospital	X	X		X	R	R	X
	St. Paul	Minneapolis Bariatric Surgeons - Edmund Phelps Chute, MD - Michael Lewis Schwartz, MD - Raymond Lester Drew, MD	St. Joseph's Hospital	X	X	X	X	R	R	X
	St. Paul	Minnesota Surgical Associates - Michael Koeplin, MD	St. Joseph's Hospital	X	X	X	X	R	R	X
	Willmar	Affiliated Community Medical Centers (ACMC) - Willmar / Multi-Specialty Health Network - Steven R. Bell, MD - Steven L. Kidd, MD - Thomas H. Lange, MD	Rice Memorial Hospital	X	X			R	R	X
South Dakota	Sioux Falls	Dakota Surgical - Fredrick Lewis Harris, MD	Avera Mckennan Hospital	X	X			R	R	X
	Sioux Falls	Sanford Clinic Surgical Associates - Donald B. Graham, MD - Peter J. O'Brien, MD - Dennis Glatt, MD	Sanford Hospital USD Medical Center	X	X			R	R	X
North Dakota	Bismarck	Medcenter One - Brent Bruderer, MD	Medcenter One	X	X			R	R	X
	Fargo	MeritCare Medical Group - Michael Howell, MD - Tim Monson, MD - Luis Garcia, MD - Matthew Fabian, MD		X	X			R	R	X
	Grand Forks	- Colin MacColl, MD	Altru Health System	X	X			R	R	X
Wisconsin	La Crosse	Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center - Shanu Nikhil Kothari, MD - Matthew T. Baker, MD	Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center							X