

## **DMAP Proposal for Bariatric Surgery Implementation**

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The Health Services Commission (HSC) has included the surgical treatment of obesity in the funded portion of the Prioritized List, effective January 1, 2008. The HSC has developed guidelines placing various restrictions on which OHP clients are candidates for bariatric surgery, and the intervention will be offered only to those with Type 2 Diabetes, who are non-smokers, and able to comply with a six month evaluation period. There is significant uncertainty about the number of surgical candidates and the number of procedures that will be performed as this change is introduced. This is leading DMAP to propose a fee-for-service carve out for the initiation of this benefit.

The following is the proposed division of responsibilities for the various steps in the process of evaluation and surgery:

<u>FCHP Responsibility</u>	<u>FFS Responsibility</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prior Authorization: Referral to Bariatric Surgery Center</li><li>• Six month "observation period"</li><li>• Psychosocial evaluation</li><li>• Drug and nicotine lab tests</li><li>• Medical and surgical evaluation</li><li>• Dietician evaluation</li><li>• Post-operative outpatient care that is not included in surgical fees</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prior authorization for the surgery</li><li>• Surgical Professional and facility fees (including bundled post-op)</li><li>• Post-operative inpatient charges (complications)</li></ul>