

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) has implemented changes in benefits to comply with the Affordable Care Act. Effective January 1, 2014, some benefits have been added and/or expanded, but existing benefits have not been limited.

There is no change in the coverage of bariatric surgery. Previous communication listed bariatric surgery as an exclusion, but like other exclusions, could be overridden by medical necessity. DMS did not change the State Plan nor Regulations related to bariatric surgery. Bariatric surgery will be covered only if it is medically necessary and prior authorized.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Department for Medicaid Services, Division of Provider and Member Services at 800-635-2570.