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# Medicaid Update



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## State Health Department Designates Bariatric Surgery Centers for Medicaid in NYC

The NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) recently announced that five New York City hospitals have received designation as Bariatric Specialty Centers. **Effective for discharges on and after January 1, 2010**, (pending Office of the State Comptroller contract approval), only these selected hospitals will be reimbursed for bariatric surgery for Medicaid fee-for-service recipients who reside in the five boroughs of New York City. This policy applies to reimbursement for bariatric surgical procedures defined by APR-DRG 403 and all associated inpatient care. Claims for bariatric surgery submitted from institutions other than those listed below after January 1, 2010 will be denied.

### The five designated New York City hospitals include:

- > **Harlem Medical Center (Manhattan)**
- > **St. Luke's Roosevelt (Manhattan)**
- > **Brookdale Medical Center (Brooklyn)**
- > **Lutheran Medical Center (Brooklyn)**
- > **Montefiore Medical Center (Bronx)**

These hospitals have demonstrated experience in performing bariatric surgery and have developed pre and post surgical programs to ensure that Medicaid beneficiaries receive the best care and have the best surgical outcomes.

**Also, effective January 1, 2010**, Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) enrollees requiring bariatric surgery will be limited to these designated Bariatric Specialty Centers or a hospital that meets Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) minimum facility standards, and is designated either by the American College of Surgeons and/or the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

A list of these facilities are available for viewing at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareApprovedFacilitie/bsf/list.asp>. Please contact Michael Lindsey at (518) 486-9012 with any questions.