

**BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION
BLUE DISTINCTION CENTERS FOR BARIATRIC SURGERY
2007 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
PRE-SURVEY SCREENING QUESTIONS**

1. Is the name and address of your facility responsible for the provision of Bariatric Surgery services displayed correctly?

YES NO

1a **Facility Name** _____
Street Address _____
City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

2. Is the facility an inpatient acute care hospital including Emergency Room and Intensive Care services?

YES NO

3. Please indicate which of the following accreditation program status(es) currently describes your facility (mark at least one):

My facility is fully accredited without provision or condition by The Joint Commission (previously know as JCAHO Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)

My facility is fully accredited without provision or condition by HFAP (Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program)

My facility is not fully accredited without provision or condition by either The Joint Commission or HFAP

4. Does the facility have 24/7 availability of appropriate in-house emergency medical response teams with at least one primary team member being an in-house, certified Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) physician??

YES NO

4a. Does your facility have an ER physician who is able to respond to inpatient clinical events?

YES NO

5. Has the facility been performing bariatric surgery for \geq 12 months?

YES NO

6. Has the facility performed at least 125 bariatric surgical cases over the most recent 12 calendar months? (Include all open and laparoscopic procedures performed both inpatient and outpatient)

YES NO

6a. Has the facility performed at least 50 bariatric surgical cases over the most recent 12 calendar months? (Include all open and laparoscopic procedures performed both inpatient and outpatient.)

YES NO

7. Does the bariatric surgery program at the applicant institution have at least one bariatric surgeon meeting the following criteria:

- Performed ≥ 125 bariatric surgical cases in the surgeon's career? YES NO
- Performed ≥ 50 bariatric surgical cases in the most recent 12 months? YES NO
- Board Certified or Board Eligible YES NO

8. Is there 24/7 availability of a bariatric surgeon and/or qualified general surgeon trained in management of the bariatric surgery patient for emergency evaluation/treatment?

YES NO

9. Do all bariatric surgeons/physicians providing care to bariatric surgery patients at your facility have valid PPO network participating provider contracts with the local Blue Cross Blue Shield Plan?

YES NO

9a. In order to be eligible for designation as a Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery, all bariatric surgeons/physicians must have valid network participating provider contracts with the local Blue Cross Blue Shield Plan. If your facility is found to be eligible for designation based on clinical review, would the bariatric surgeons/physicians providing care to bariatric surgery patients be willing to contract with and participate in the local Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO network?

YES NO