



## Bariatric Surgical Bundled Payment Model and Warranty

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- Established by the State Legislature
- Goal to improve quality, health outcomes, and cost-effectiveness of care in Washington State
- Bring together member clinicians, Washington State agencies, hospitals, health care systems, health insurance plans, and quality improvement organizations
- Select health care topics every year and develop evidence-based recommendations by convening workgroups of clinical experts, administrative experts, patients, and others
- Recommendations guide health care purchasing for Washington State agencies and set a community standard of care.

### Why bundled payments?

The majority of health care payments are for number of services provided rather than quality of care or per person or per episode of care. Bundled payments tie reimbursement to an entire episode of care while the warranty includes no reimbursement for complications resulting from poor care. Our bundled payment model includes bariatric surgery as a treatment option for select individuals and requires a holistic approach in which surgery is but one possible component of care. We organize our bundled payment model into four cycles including: appropriateness outlining requirements for a trial of non-surgical care, requirements for fitness for surgery, elements of best practice surgery and components of care aimed at our ultimate outcome, rapid return to function.

### Our [Bundled Payment Model and Warranty](#):

Four Cycles	<b>Eligibility Due to Obesity Despite Non-Surgical Therapy</b> ↓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document obesity and assess for weight-related comorbidities and exclusions</li> <li>• Begin comprehensive program of non-surgical care lifestyle modification according to ACC/AHA/TOS guideline or and other evidence-based guidelines</li> <li>• Assess patient response to intervention and patient safety</li> </ul>
	<b>Fitness for Surgery</b> ↓	<p>Patient meets minimal standards to ensure safety and commitment to participate actively in return to function. This includes documenting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requirements related to patient safety</li> <li>• Patient engagement</li> <li>• Optimal preparation for surgery</li> </ul>
	<b>Bariatric Surgery</b> ↓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General standards for a surgical team performing surgery</li> <li>• Elements of optimal surgical process</li> <li>• Participation in the following registries</li> </ul>
	<b>Post-Operative Care and Return to Function</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard process for post-operative care</li> <li>• Use standardized hospital discharge process aligned with Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA) toolkit</li> <li>• Arrange home health services</li> <li>• Schedule follow up appointments</li> </ul>

+ **Quality standards:** Appropriateness, evidence-based surgery, ensuring rapid and durable return to function, the patient care experience, and patient safety and affordability.

+ **Warranty:** Purchaser will not provide reimbursement for readmission for avoidable complications within the risk windows specified at 7, 30, and 90 days.

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