

# **Cigna 3 Star Quality Bariatric Center**

## **Designation Criteria**

The criteria outlined below represent the minimum criteria a hospital facility must meet for consideration to be designated a 3 Star Quality Bariatric Center. Please note that meeting these criteria is not a guarantee that a hospital qualifies for certification.

### **Cigna Criteria**

1. Maintain current Full Approval by the American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery and/or Level 1 Full Approval by the American College of Surgeons.
2. Meet Cigna clinical outcome metric thresholds for bariatric open and laparoscopic procedures performed at applicant facility during the most recent 12 month period:
  - Overall mortality rate of < 1%
  - Re-operation rate within 30 days of initial bariatric surgery of < 2.5%
  - Overall re-operation rate for bariatric surgery complications of <10%
  - Overall readmission within 30 days post initial bariatric surgery for anastomotic leak, subphrenic abscess, splenic injury, pulmonary embolism or wound infection of < 5%
3. Submit to Cigna a completed Application to Receive 3 Star Quality Bariatric Center Designation (including outcome metrics) every 3 years.
4. Facility must be a participating provider with Cigna.
5. Bariatric program must have at least one Cigna participating surgeon.
6. Bariatric program must perform gastric bypass, gastric banding, and sleeve gastrectomy procedures

Note: All patients must be benefit eligible and meet medical necessity coverage criteria.

### **ACS Criteria**

Please refer to the ACS website: <http://www.acsbscn.org/Public/index.jsp>

### **ASMBS Criteria**

Please refer to the ASBMS website: <http://asmbs.org/>