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To: Bariatric Surgery Providers
From: Office of Insurance
Subject: Bariatric surgical services changes

Please see below for important changes to bariatric surgery requirements under the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan effective January 1, 2019:

1. ActiveHealth Management (AHM) Weight Management Program

This program is no longer included as one of the required options for coverage of bariatric surgery; however, participants must still complete at least one of the following program requirements:

- Medically supervised nutrition and exercise program
- Multidisciplinary surgical preparatory regimen

2. Post-surgery requirements

Participants are no longer required to participate in case management with ActiveHealth Management for one-year post-surgery.

Bariatric surgery patients enrolled in the Weight Management Program prior to January 1, 2019 must complete the requirements in effect at the time of their enrollment if the program is intended to satisfy one of the above criteria.

For additional information related to bariatric surgery benefits, please refer to the 2019 Plan Document online at <http://knowyourbenefits.dfa.ms.gov> or call Provider Customer Service at 800-709-0973. If you have specific questions about this notice, please call our office at the telephone number listed below.

IMPORTANT:

Prior approval for all bariatric surgical services continues to be required through ActiveHealth Management (866-939-4721).