



Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence® Information Sheet

Centegra Health System, the Centegra Weight-Loss Surgery Center and Amir Heydari, MD, FACS are recognized by the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery as a nationally designated Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence®.

Why is this important?

This designation is the gold standard and illustrates the Centegra Weight-Loss Surgery Center's commitment to safe, quality patient care, and demonstrates the Center's alignment with the highest industry standards. Earning this prestigious acknowledgement attests to the safety, efficiency and overall positive reputation of the program. It exemplifies the Center's high-quality outcomes of zero mortality since 2002 with more than 600 procedures performed.

Does this help some insurance coverages?

Yes. Numerous payors and networks across the nation use the Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence® (BSCOE) program as a prequalification requirement for their provider network.

- They recognize that using a BSCOE helps ensure better outcomes for their members.
- Many insurance companies and Medicare provide weight loss surgery coverage only for programs that have achieved this designation.

What is the benefit?

- Patient safety and advocacy
- Patient's insurance may now provide coverage because of this designation
- A platform for the continuous improvement of bariatric surgery through comparisons of patient selection, operative procedures and care paths
- A central database that will guide our decisions and respond to challenges by our colleagues, insurance carriers and the public
- A valuable resource for research

The Centegra Weight-Loss Surgery Center is located in the Centegra Health Center – Huntley at the Centegra Health Campus - Huntley in a 2300 square foot suite dedicated to the comfort and privacy of patients. All weight-loss surgical procedures will continue to be performed at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock.

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