

Fast Track to Surgery Program

At the Advanced Lap Band Center, our staff is committed to process each individual through the maze of requirements that will enable each person to have their LapBand surgery as quickly as possible.

We are on your side and want things to go as smoothly as possible and as quickly as possible!! Your obesity has been ongoing for many, many years. It is important to realize that the surgical evaluation, treatment and approval process is something that should not be taken lightly, not haphazardly.

There are two pathways in the ***Fast Track*** Program to get you to your surgery date *ASAP*.

1. Insurance Coverage

We will verify your coverage and benefits for weight loss surgery. Each insurance company and sometimes each plan within that company may be different in their requirements. For example, one plan may require a 3 month, 4 month, or even a 6 month medically supervised weight loss program; while another plan may just want records documenting a history of being overweight.

Some employers have written into their health plan that you must have a BMI of 40 and above, nothing less with NO exceptions! And, of course, some employers carve out an “exclusion” in the plan that eliminates weight loss surgery coverage altogether. Unfortunately, with an exclusion, we must move to the cash pay option (see below).

This is where our dedicated team of professionals analyzes your plan requirements and negotiates the obstacles and hurdles for you. This will take patience and understanding from all parties. In other words, do not “shoot the messenger”.

For instance, if your insurance provider requires a “medically supervised weight loss program”, we have established our diagnostic clinic whose sole purpose is to “cross all the T’s and dot all the I’s”, that your insurance plan mandates. We have found this provides the most efficient means of completing the requirements, submitting the package of paperwork and obtaining approval for your surgery in the most rapid manner. Yes, it can be that easy! It is what we do!!

2. The Cash Pay or Finance Option

This is for those without insurance or have an “exclusion” for weight loss surgery in their health plan or just want to proceed on with their surgery even more quickly. **This is the fastest track** to having your surgery since this path eliminates the insurance process. Your surgery can usually be scheduled within 1-2 weeks. Our staff will be able to counsel you regarding payment and finance options.