

CCS *CENTRAL CAROLINA SURGERY, P.A.*

Surgical Options in Weight Loss

“Making the decision for a life style change”

Dear Doctor:

We continue to bring you awareness of our Bariatric Surgery Program that was started in 2003 at Central Carolina Surgery, P.A. We are now able to provide services to more of your morbidly obese patients who you feel would benefit from this surgical intervention. We are currently performing the Gastric Bypass and Lap Band procedures. We are enclosing *The Patient's Pathway to Bariatric Surgery* and an overview of our bariatric program. Please note inclusion criteria for bariatric surgery patients.

A key requirement in securing prior approval is a ***letter of medical necessity*** documenting any weight loss attempts to include diet and exercise modifications, medications, dates of attempts and patient results. The letter should also include a list of the patient's current co-morbidities, past five years of weights and endorsing your support as their Primary Care Physician (please see enclosed form for your convenience). It is not necessary for you to do a direct physician referral.

We look forward to working closely with you and your patients in providing this service. Please feel free to contact me at 336-387-8201 with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this program.

Sincerely,

Bariatrics Coordinator