



NORTH DAKOTA HEALTH CARE REVIEW, INC.

# Memo

**To:** Utilization Contact Person & Preauthorization Department

**From:** Julie Thrailkill, RHIT, Director of Review

**Re:** Medicaid Preauthorization Codes and Descriptions

**Date:** December 20, 2007

Attached is the revised preauthorization procedure list. The list was updated to incorporate changes recommended by North Dakota Medicaid. North Dakota Medicaid will start to cover gastric banding procedures on January 1, 2008. NDHCRI will screen/preauthorize these procedures beginning January 1, 2008.

Please review the attached list carefully so you are aware of the procedures that NDHCRI will be preauthorizing for Medicaid. Submit the appropriate procedure code(s) on the written request submitted to NDHCRI. If a request is submitted containing procedure codes we do not require preauthorization on, we will notify your office that no review will be performed.

Be aware the gastric bypass/obesity procedure criteria remain the same. North Dakota Medicaid/DHS will not cover this procedure for any patient 18 years old or younger. Extreme situations or conditions may warrant a recommendation from DHS/Medicaid for NDHCRI to review the case. NDHCRI would receive the request directly from North Dakota Medicaid and would then process the review.

Additional information and reference cards can be downloaded from our website at [www.ndhcric.org](http://www.ndhcric.org). If you have any questions, please contact the NDHCRI Review Department.

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