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Press Release

Cigna Becomes the Third Insurer to Cover Laparoscopic Sleeve Procedure

Bariatric procedures finally recognized by insurers as medically necessary

Joliet, IL. June 1, 2010 - Cigna joins United and Aetna insurance in covering the cost of a new bariatric procedure called the Sleeve. The procedure is less invasive than a bypass and the rate of weight loss is more than the band. Silver Cross Hospital and BMI surgery center has been recognized as a Center of Excellence for it's continued favorable outcomes in weight loss surgery, especially among high-risk patients ranging from super to ultra obese with the Sleeve procedure.

Dr. Christopher Joyce, Medical Director at BMI surgery explains, "[the sleeve procedure is] a safe effective operation that does not require an implant like a Band, and carries less operative risk than a bypass. The average excess weight loss for our sleeve patients is 58% at 2 years."

Patients who have Cigna, United or Aetna can now choose a surgeon who is also covered by the insurance network and significantly reduce their out-of-pocket costs. Obesity leads to chronic diseases and serious health risks that cause relentless and unnecessary suffering. For many, having this surgery means regaining control of their lives and rejoining society.

For more information on BMI Surgery, bariatric medicine, or if you would like to attend a free seminar please call (815) 723-8571 or visit BMISurgery.org.

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