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**CANADIAN FORCES (CF)  
PROGRAM OF CHOICE (POC) 06 – MEDICAL SERVICES  
IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING NEW BENEFIT CODES FOR  
LAPAROSCOPIC PROCEDURES**

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Canadian Forces (CF) wishes to advise you of three (3) new benefit codes under Program of Choice (POC) 06 – Medical Services, **effective July 1, 2013.**

The following new benefit codes are now required when billing for these procedures:

NEW CODE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
220130	LAPAROSCOPIC GASTRIC BYPASS	<b>Dollar Limit:</b> \$16,000.00 <b>Frequency:</b> 1 per Lifetime
220131	LAPAROSCOPIC SLEEVE GASTRECTOR	<b>Dollar Limit:</b> \$16,000.00 <b>Frequency:</b> 1 per Lifetime
220132	LAPAROSCOPIC GASTRIC BANDING	<b>Dollar Limit:</b> \$16,000.00 <b>Frequency:</b> 1 per Lifetime

Pre-authorization is required prior to billing for these services and they are only covered when deemed medically necessary and when performed by surgeons who are licensed/qualified to perform this type of procedure in their province/territory. Only General Surgeons can bill for these services.

Please communicate this information to the members of your professional association. Should you or your members have any questions, please contact your regional Blue Cross office Provider Inquiry Line toll free at 1-888-261-4033.

Thank you for the ongoing care and service you provide to our Members.