
**CANADIAN ARMED FORCES (CAF)
PROGRAM OF CHOICE (POC) 06 – MEDICAL SERVICES
UPDATE TO BENEFIT CODES FOR LAPAROSCOPIC PROCEDURES**

November 2013

Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) wishes to advise you of an update to two (2) benefit codes for laparoscopic procedures under Program of Choice (POC) 06 – Medical Services, **effective November 1, 2013.**

BENEFIT CODE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
220130	LAPAROSCOPIC GASTRIC BYPASS	Revised Dollar Limit: \$19,500.00 Frequency: 1 per Lifetime
220131	LAPAROSCOPIC SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY	Revised Dollar Limit: \$18,500.00 Frequency: 1 per Lifetime
220132	LAPAROSCOPIC GASTRIC BANDING	NO CHANGE Dollar Limit: \$16,000.00 Frequency: 1 per Lifetime

Providers will be reimbursed their usual and customary fees to a maximum of the dollar limit indicated on the benefit grid.

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.