

Dear Potential Client:

Thank you for calling to reserve your spot at our free, weight management orientation on

Monday, October 13th at 6PM.

This orientation will be held in the meeting room at the Sullivan Library, and it should last about 45 minutes.

Since our weight management program is medically-monitored, we have the added bonus of several insurance companies helping pay for some of our program. **Prior** to attending the orientation it would be of great value for you to contact your insurance to see if they will reimburse for the medical portion of our program. Included in this letter is the information you will need to provide for your insurance representative: your ICD-9 diagnosis code (according to your Body Mass Index—see attached chart) and the CPT codes for our services.

Along the left side of the Body Mass Index (BMI) chart, find your height in inches, slide your finger across to your current weight, and then bring your finger up to see what your BMI is. Your primary diagnosis code will be determined by this number as follows:

<u>BMI</u>	<u>ICD-9 Diagnosis Code</u>
25-29.9	Overweight: 278.02
30-39.9	Obesity: 278.00
40+	Morbid Obesity: 278.01

After telling your insurance representative what your primary diagnosis will be, you can ask if they will reimburse for the following CPT codes: 85027, 80048, 80053, 80061, 83735, 84100, 84443, 84550, 81003, 81000, 82310, 84132, 97802, 93005, 96152, 99402, 99395 (ages 18-39), 99396 (ages 40-64), 99397 (ages 65+), 99211, 99212, 99213. These codes cover most of the medical charges you will incur through the duration of the program.

In regards to this phone call, there are three important things to keep in mind. You can also submit your encounter form with any secondary and tertiary diagnosis that you may have (hypertension, diabetes, fibromyalgia, etc.) according to the discretion of the medical provider. As you lose weight, your primary diagnosis code will change with your BMI. You may start the program morbidly obese, but at some point we will drop you into the obesity category and then into the overweight category. Ask how this change (as wonderful as this is for your health) will affect your reimbursement. Finally, if your insurance says, “no” to your inquiry, **please still attend the orientation**. There is great worth in making this investment in your health and wellness. You cannot put a price tag on quality of life.

I look forward to meeting you, and showing you what our program can do for you.

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