

NAME:

SS#:

7790

Bakers Union and FELRA Health and Welfare Fund

EMPLOYER: Safeway

LOCAL: 118

DATE OF HIRE: December 16, 2015

STATUS: Part Time

PLAN: 3

ISSUE: Hospital/Medical – Pre-Authorization, Excluded Services

#M19/134-7790

FUND RULE:

"General Exclusions"

32. Gastric by-pass or bubble, or similar procedures, to treat obesity.

33. Treatment of obesity or weight loss, or physical fitness or exercise programs."

(Bakers Union and FELRA Health and Welfare Fund SPD, July 2016, Page 116, #32, #33)

SUMMARY: Appeal Received:

December 18, 2019

The **participant** is appealing to be allowed coverage of a bariatric surgical procedure. The participant states that she is 27-years-old with a BMI of 47 and a weight of 287 pounds. The participant further states that she has tried several methods to lose weight, all of which have failed. Lastly, the participant states that she believes surgery is her best option for losing weight and will drastically improve her overall health. Included with the appeal was a letter of medical necessity from Dr. Rochelle S. Hardy. Dr. Hardy states that the participant has been under her care since 2019 and during this time, she has tried several weight loss programs including supervised weight loss programs and has participated in exercise programs, all of which have failed to produce the desired results. Dr. Hardy further states that the participant is an appropriate candidate for bariatric surgery.

Note: Bariatric surgery is not a benefit of the Plan.

ACTION:

Approved

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Denied

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COMMENTS: