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DEAR PATIENT,

YOU HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO ADVANCED SURGEONS P.C. - ADVANCED SURGICAL WEIGHT LOSS CENTER. WE HAVE DEVELOPED THIS FORM TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE THROUGH THE BARIATRIC JOURNEY TO A NEW LIFE.

PROCESS:

BEFORE AN APPOINTMENT CAN BE SCHEDULED, YOU WILL NEED TO ATTEND ONE OF OUR SEMINARS. WE OFFER A MONTHLY IN-PERSON SEMINAR, WHEREBY YOU CAN MEET ONE OF OUR BARIATRIC SURGEONS (DRS. JOHN TOULIATOS, BARTON S. WOOD and TIMOTHY L. CHRISTOPHER), ASK ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROCEDURES AND BE PROVIDED INSIGHT INTO YOUR INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR BARIATRICS.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND A LIVE SEMINAR, WE HAVE DEVELOPED OUR SEMINAR ONLINE, APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES, WHICH WILL EDUCATE YOU ON THE RISKS AND BENEFITS OF THE VARIOUS PROCEDURES PROVIDED BY OUR SURGEONS SO YOU ARE PREPARED WITH QUESTIONS TO ASK AT YOUR FIRST CONSULTATION WITH THE BARIATRIC SURGEON YOU CHOOSE.

TO REGISTER FOR A BARIATRIC SEMINAR:

CALL OUR OFFICE AT 205-595-8985 OR GO TO https://www.advancedsurgeonspc.com/weight-loss/weight-loss/seminars/, THEN CLICK ON REGISTER FOR WEIGHT LOSS SEMINAR or YOU CAN REGISTER TO WATCH OUR ONLINE VIDEO.

VERIFY WITH YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY:

CALL YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY TO DETERMINE IF YOUR POLICY PROVIDES FOR BARIATRIC SURGERY BENEFITS. EACH INSURANCE IS DIFFERENT, SO YOU NEED TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT IS REQUIRED BY YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY IN ORDER FOR THE BENEFITS TO BE PAID. FOR EXAMPLE, SOME INSURANCE BENEFITS REQUIRE A 3 - 6 MONTH DOCUMENTED DIET FROM YOUR PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN.

IF YOU HAVE BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD INSURANCE, YOUR 1ST OFFICE VISIT WILL BE \$200.00, THIS VISIT WILL BE REFILED TO YOUR INSURANCE AFTER YOUR SURGERY CLAIM IS PROCESS AND PAID. ONCE THE CLAIM IS REPROCESSED, WE WILL REFUND YOUR FIRST OFFICE VISIT MONIES.

WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT MEDICAID AS THE PRIMARY INSURANCE. WE DO ACCEPT MEDICAID IF IT IS SECONDARY.

CASH PAY PRICES: IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INSURANCE COVERAGE THE COSTS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

GASTRIC BYPASS: TOTAL \$14,500.00	GASTRIC SLEEVE: TOTAL \$14,500.00
\$3500.00 TO PHYSICIAN	3500.00 TO PHYSICIAN
\$10,050.00 TO HOSPITAL	\$10,050.00 TO HOSPITAL
\$950.00 ANESTHESIA	\$950.00 ANESTHESIA

ALWAYS FEEL FREE TO CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. MANY THANKS AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON.