

## MBSR CONTRACTING

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STANDARD 2.6

REQUIRES IT

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The Standard states:

- Each center is required to provide an MBSCR to enter data into the MBSAQIP registry
- MBSCR should not be supervising patient care
- Must be able to fulfill case abstraction duties
- Must be able to complete ongoing training and recertification requirements
- Must be able to retrieve and enter long-term follow-up data on a compounding number of patients over time
- Must be able to fulfill requests for patient data and reports

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## What else does MBSAQIP say?

- MBSCR duties must be of highest priority
- MBSCR must be provided with appropriate resources and access to data and information systems at facility and physicians' offices
- MBSCR should work closely with the facility and clinicians to ensure that appropriate short-term and long-term data points are available in the medical record

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### New Standards—Major Difference

- Greater emphasis on **DATA** to inform Quality Improvement and Performance improvement
- Greater emphasis on QI/PI as a continuous process throughout the entire program
- Participation in the MBSAQIP data registry requires a trained data abstractor
  - Suggest licensed nurse (must have appropriate clinical knowledge and expertise to collect the required data)
  - Cannot have patient contact that requires documentation of data
  - Cannot supervise patient care
  - Certification required after 6 months



### This is a problem for many centers

- \$\$ Added cost \$\$
- Staff turnover
- Current staff are unable to assume additional duties
- Cases **LOCK** at 150 days
- No available staff that meet criteria



### What are the requirements?

- Must have appropriate clinical knowledge and expertise to perform data abstraction from the medical record
- Must complete online initial training, as well as ongoing education and training
- Must maintain certification. This is based upon satisfactory completion of online training, participation in ongoing education and webinars, satisfactory completion of a yearly certifying exam, as well as compliance with data audits.



### What are the requirements?

- Must ensure that case and follow-up data are entered into the platform within prescribed data entry timeframes to optimize data capture
  - 30 day, 6 month, 12 months, annually thereafter
- Must ensure confidentiality of patient information during data collection
- Must work closely with both clinical and administrative staff
- Must participate in a minimum of two MBS Committee meetings annually.



## What are the requirements?

- Must have ability to manage data entry deadlines and the center’s accreditation processes as necessary
- Must have a knowledge of medical terminology, basic anatomy, physiology and disease process
- Must have experience in clinical chart review and data abstraction
- Must have the ability to interact with all members of the bariatric surgical team and facility administrative staff



## Why contract the position?

### FACILITY HIRES MBSCR

- Data entry often by staff inexperienced in MBSAQIP
- Facility responsible for quality checks of data
- Suboptimal utilization of facility resources

### FACILITY CONTRACTS FOR MBSCR

- High quality data entry by professional data abstractors
- LTC performs routine quality checks is more efficient
- Facility resources optimized—saving valuable resources for utilization in other program areas
- Certified data entry and knowledge of MBSAQIP standards and process is an immediate and ongoing asset



## As an Added Bonus.....

- It’s Cost Effective
  - Contracted cost is based on surgical volume
  - Facility pays no employee benefits, much more affordable—freeing up valuable resources for other program needs
- Facility gains much more than data entry staff
  - Experienced nurses provide leadership and direction in development of QI/PI process
  - Improved data accuracy through bias-free data abstraction
  - Provides consistent compliance
  - Accreditation experience
  - Ongoing support and expertise from LTC—one of the most experienced bariatric professionals in the specialty



## The Contracted MBSCR is a Member of Your Team

- Attends your MBS Committee meetings via teleconference
- Attends other Quality Meetings as needed
- Is on-site for all site surveys
- Meets regularly with MBS Director and MBS Coordinator
- Looks for opportunities to facilitate quality improvement in your bariatric surgery program



### How do we get started?

- Contracts can be both short and/or long-term
- Facility to determine volume for last 12 months
- LTC will prepare a written proposal
  - Includes a yearly administrative fee of \$5,000
  - Fee schedule is based on facility volume of completed assessments
- Once contract is signed LTC has certified MBSAQIP data abstractors ready to start immediately



- Meets all HIPAA Requirements
- Has General and Professional Liability Insurance
- Ensures sub-contractor, data abstractors, have current HIPAA training
- Performs routine quality checks on data submitted
- Ensures regular reporting of completed assessments by data abstractor to facility



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