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### **Bariatric Solutions Weight Loss Surgery Program is Named Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery® by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas**

(DECATUR, TEXAS –August 23, 2010) Bariatric Solutions Weight Loss Surgery Program was recently named a Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery® by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBS TX)\*. Blue Distinction® is a designation awarded by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies to medical facilities that have demonstrated expertise in delivering quality healthcare, under objective selection criteria.

According to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, Blue Distinction Centers for Bariatric Surgery have demonstrated expertise in delivery of quality health care, resulting in improved outcomes for bariatric patients. Each program adheres to stringent criteria, developed in association with physician panels and national medical societies, including the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) and Surgical Review Corporation (SRC), and is subject to periodic reassessment as criteria evolves.

Bariatric Solutions is well known for the overall quality of their program and the high level of personalized care that they provide. Patients who choose to have weight loss surgery at Bariatric Solutions are provided with a TEAM of health professionals to ensure that they lose the weight and keep it off for good. As part of the weight loss surgery process, patients are provided with: Highly qualified surgeons, dedicated Bariatric Nurses, individualized nutrition plans developed by a Registered Dietitian, and exercise programs/instructions that are tailored to the unique needs and capabilities of each patient. Dr. Scott Stowers, Medical Director of Bariatric Solutions and Dr. Dirk Rodriguez have over 20 years in the Bariatric field and hundreds of surgeries that allow them to lead this team of professionals and provide their patients with quality care that has earned them the Blue Distinction Designation. “We are proud of the diligent hard work over the past 5 years. We have met the rigorous demands of the Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery requirements and are now one of the few facilities in Texas to be able to accept these patients”, says Dr. Scott Stowers, Medical Director of Bariatric Solutions.

There are very few programs in the DFW region that have received the Blue Distinction designation and Bariatric Solutions is the only facility in Tarrant and Wise County that has received this seal of approval.

Note: Designation as Blue Distinction Centers means these facilities' overall experience and aggregate data met objective criteria established in collaboration with expert clinicians' and leading professional organizations' recommendations. Individual outcomes may vary. To find out which services are covered under your policy at any facilities, please call your local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan.

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