

Bariatric procedures are those that involve shrinking the stomach so a patient will lose weight by eating less food and is only recommend for morbidly obese individuals who have exhausted all other methods of weight loss. There were 228,000 bariatric procedures performed in the United States in 2017 and yes the highest concentration of those procedures are performed in states with stronger state economies such as Washington, DC, Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts. These states all cover bariatric surgery as an essential health benefit.

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