### ALASKA

## Alaska Department of Health & Social Services (ADHHS) 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

### **Assessment & Counseling**

## **Pharmacotherapy**

Obesity is not explicitly mentioned

**COVERAGE** may <u>include</u>:

### **Preventive Counseling**

99401 – 99404, 99385-99387, 99395-99397

 AK Medicaid explicitly <u>excludes</u> coverage for nonsurgical weight reduction or maintenance treatment programs and products, nonmedical fitness maintenance centers and services, and educational services or supplies that are separately identifiable.

## **Behavioral Assessment/Intervention** 96154

# **Nutritional Consultation & Therapy**None

- AK Medicaid covers **nutrition services** provided by a registered dietician or nutritionist for adults who are pregnant and recipients under age 21 with high nutritional risk:
- High-risk indicators might include atypical weight-to-height ratio, sudden weight change, and/or chronic disease.
- Nutrition coverage includes one initial assessment in a calendar year and up to 12 hours per calendar year for counseling and follow up care.

#### NOT COVERED

- AK Medicaid explicitly <u>excludes</u> medications used to treat obesity from coverage.
- Specifically mentioned as non-covered in accordance with statutes 7 AAC 120.112 and 7 AAC 105.110:
- Belviq XR (*Lorcaserin HCl*)

## **Bariatric Surgery**

### **COVERAGE** may <u>include</u>:

- Gastric Bypass, Gastric Band, Sleeve Gastrectomy
- Prior authorization is required; guidelines for coverage determination/approval were not found.



Adults with obesity: 30%<sup>3</sup>
Adults with diabetes: 8%<sup>3</sup>

**18%** of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP **\$1.4** billion in total Medicaid spending (2015)

100% enrolled in fee-for-service 4

### **Resources & Contacts:**

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