## **MASSACHUSETTS**

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Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EO)	
Assessment & Counseling	Pharmacotherapy
COVERAGE may include:  Preventive Counseling 99385-99387, 99395-99397	NOT COVERED  MassHealth explicitly excludes coverage of any drug used for the treatment of obesity
<ul> <li>General preventive counseling services for adults are mentioned only in the context of family planning services.</li> </ul>	aring used for the treatment of occasity
Behavioral Assessment/Intervention None Nutritional Consultation & Therapy G0270-G0271	
- Medical nutrition therapy indicated as reimbursable code on Fee Schedule, but	Bariatric Surgery
not mentioned elsewhere  NOTE: Adult preventive counseling, nutritional	COVERAGE may include:
therapy, and behavioral intervention services for obesity are not explicitly mentioned.	Gastric Bypass, Gastric Band, Sleeve Gastrectomy

Hospital-licensed outpatient and community-health centers must be able to provide health education and nutrition services to MassHealth members.

NOTE: Regardless of non-payable status, a physician may request prior authorization for any medically necessary service for a MassHealth member younger than 21 years of age.

- Prior authorization is required.
- Surgery must be performed under guidance of multidisciplinary team.
- Provider must rule out metabolic causes of member's obesity.
- Member must have BMI  $> 40 \text{ kg/m}^2$  (>35 w/ comorbidity) for at least 5 years, be at least 18 years of age, complete preoperative care plan, have no evidence of active substance abuse, and have no contraindications to the procedure.



Adults with obesity: 23% <sup>3</sup> Adults with diabetes: 9% <sup>3</sup>

23% of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP **\$15.6** billion in total Medicaid spending (2015)

54% enrolled in managed care 26% enrolled in primary care case management 20% enrolled in fee-for-service 4

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