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Department of Human Services (DHS) 102, 103, 104

Assessment & Counseling

Pharmacotherapy

COVERAGE may include:

Preventive Counseling 99401-99404, 99411-99412 99385-99387, 99395-99397

Behavioral Assessment/Intervention 96150-96154, 98960-98962, 99078

- MHCP covers physician visits, medical nutritional therapy, mental health services, and laboratory work provided for weight management on a component basis.
- Recipients participating in a weight loss program may be billed for non-covered components of the program if the recipient is informed of charges in advance.

Nutritional Consultation & Therapy S9470*, 97802-97804, G0270-G0271, G0438-G0439

- *MHCP reimburses dietician or nutritionist services **only** when prescribed by a physician and provided in an office or outpatient setting.

NOTE: MHCP does not cover weight loss services on a program basis, nutritional supplements/foods for weight reduction, exercise classes, health club memberships, instructional materials/books, motivational classes, services provided by non-MHCP providers, or counseling that is already paid as part of the physician's covered services.

NOT COVERED

- MN Medicaid typically excludes coverage of drugs used to promote weight loss; Xenical is indicated only for the treatment of hyperlipidemia
- Desoxyn will not be approved for treatment of obesity

Bariatric Surgery

COVERAGE may <u>include</u>:

Gastric Bypass, Gastric Band, Sleeve Gastrectomy

- Prior authorization is required.
- Recipient must: have a BMI > 40 kg/m² (or > 35 with a comorbidity) that has persisted for at least two years; have made at least one medically-supervised attempt (6-month duration) to lose weight; and have no medical or psychiatric contraindications to the procedure.

NOTE: See guidelines for full criteria. Patients not meeting these criteria may be considered for approval on a case-by-case basis.



Adults with obesity: 28% ³ Adults with diabetes: 8% ³

14% of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP **\$10.9** billion in total Medicaid spending (2015)

75% enrolled in managed care **25%** enrolled in fee-for-service ⁴

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