NORTH DAKOTA

Department of Human Services (DHS) 139, 140, 141

Assessment & Counseling

Pharmacotherapy

COVERAGE may include:

Preventive Counseling

99401-99404, 99411-99412, G0438, G0439, 99385-99387, 99395-99397

 ND Medicaid does not reimburse for exercise classes, nutritional supplements for weight reduction, or instructional materials/books.

Behavioral Assessment/Intervention 96150-96155

Nutritional Consultation & Therapy 97802-97804, G0270-G0271

- ND Medicaid covers up to four adult nutritional service visits per calendar year without prior authorization.
- Additional visits may be covered with prior authorization

COVERAGE may include:

Xenical/Alli (orlistat)

- Prior authorization is required.
- Consideration for recipients with a BMI ≥ 40 kg/m² based on dietician evaluation.
- Requires semi-annual updates; continued coverage with progress (5% weight loss in 6 months) until patient achieves BMI< 30.

Note: ND Medicaid typically excludes coverage for agents used for anorexia or weight gain, with the exception of Xenical. 142

Bariatric Surgery

COVERAGE may <u>include</u>:

Gastric Bypass, Gastric Band, Sleeve Gastrectomy

- **Prior authorization** is required. 143
- Patient must have BMI > 40 kg/m² (>35 w/severe comorbidity) for at least 5 years, unsuccessful treatment in a clinically-supervised weight loss program, and presence of severe uncontrolled disease conditions due to obesity (e.g. diabetes, hypertension).
- Formal psychiatric evaluation must demonstrate emotional stability over the past year.



Adults with obesity: **32%** ³ Adults with diabetes: **8%** ³

10% of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP\$1.1 billion in total Medicaid spending (2015)

49% enrolled in primary care case management
29% enrolled in fee-for-service
22% enrolled in managed care 4

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