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Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) 99, 100, 101

Assessment & Counseling

Pharmacotherapy

COVERAGE may <u>include</u>:

Preventive Counseling

99401-99402, 99385-99387, 99395-99397

- Effective July 1, 2016, MDHHS implemented a primary care health home benefit called the MI Care Team for beneficiaries with comorbid physical and behavioral health conditions.
- Includes connection of beneficiary to nutritional counseling and obesity prevention/reduction.

Behavioral Assessment/Intervention

None

- MDHHS policy covers obesity treatment when done to control life-endangering complications such as hypertension and diabetes. This does not include treatment specifically for obesity or weight reduction/maintenance alone.
- Physician must request prior authorization documenting that conservative measures to control weight and manage complications have failed (include medical history, past and current treatments/results, etc.)

Nutritional Consultation & Therapy

None

NOTE: MDHHS covers trauma-related services under the EPSDT benefit (noting that adverse childhood experiences are related to obesity in adulthood).

COVERAGE may include:

Xenical (*orlistat*)

- **Prior authorization** is required.
- Must document current medical status, current therapies/treatments, accurate BMI, and confirmation that there are no medical contraindications to medication
- Must include details of previous weight loss attempts (at least two failed physician-supervised attempts are required)

Bariatric Surgery

COVERAGE may <u>include</u>:

Gastric Bypass, Gastric Band, Sleeve Gastrectomy

- **Prior authorization** is required.
- PA must include a psychiatric evaluation of the beneficiary's willingness/ability to alter their lifestyle following surgical intervention.
- If the request is approved, the provider receives an authorization letter for the service, including billing instructions.
- A copy of the authorization letter must be attached to all claims submitted to MDCH for weight reduction services.



Adults with obesity: **31%** ³ Adults with diabetes: **9%** ³

19% of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP **\$15.9** billion in total Medicaid spending (2015)

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

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