

SOUTH CAROLINA
 Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) ^{160, 161, 162}

Assessment & Counseling	Pharmacotherapy	
<p>COVERAGE may include:</p> <p>Preventive Counseling 99401-99404, 99385-99387, 99395-99397, G0438*, G0439</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - *Coverage only as a Family Planning service. <p>Behavioral Assessment/Intervention G0447, 96150-96154, S9445-S9446, S0316</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SCDHHS’s obesity initiative targets individuals (BMI > 30) who do not meet the criteria for gastric bypass surgery but are committed to losing weight through diet and exercise. - All obesity visits must include counseling under the 5 As framework (assess, advise, agree, assist, arrange). - Providers should emphasize the importance exercise and develop a realistic exercise plan with goals. - Providers should arrange for individual nutritional assessment to be provided by a licensed dietician. - See website for weight management programs that accept Medicaid. <p>Nutritional Consultation & Therapy 97802, S9452, S9470</p>	<p>COVERAGE may include:</p> <p>Xenical (<i>orlistat</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prior authorization is required. - Patient must have a BMI > 30 kg/m² in the presence of other risk factors (e.g., hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia). - Patient must be on a reduced fat and calorie diet with nutritional counseling <p><i>Note: SC Medicaid typically excludes coverage for weight control products (except lipase inhibitors).</i></p>	
	Bariatric Surgery	
	<p>COVERAGE may include:</p> <p>Gastric Bypass, Gastric Band, Sleeve Gastrectomy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prior authorization is required. - Covered only when procedure is medically necessary to correct an illness that caused the obesity or was aggravated by the obesity. - Individuals who receive bariatric surgery will be required to undergo an annual evaluation to assess long-term effectiveness of the procedure. 	<p>Adults with obesity: 32% ³ Adults with diabetes: 11% ³</p> <p>19% of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP \$6.0 billion in total Medicaid spending (2015)</p> <p>73% enrolled in managed care 27% enrolled in fee-for-service ⁴</p> <p>Resources & Contacts:</p> <p>South Carolina Department of Insurance Phone: 803-737-6160</p> <p>South Carolina Healthy Connections Phone: 888-289-0709</p> <p>Dept. of Health & Environmental Control Phone: 803-898-3432</p>