CALIFORNIA

Medi-Cal 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23

Assessment & Counseling

Pharmacotherapy

COVERAGE may <u>include</u>:

Preventive Counseling 99401

 Preventive counseling is covered for students as a Local Educational Agency Service; see LEA guide for lifetime and annual service limits.

Behavioral Assessment/Intervention G0447, G0473, 96150-96154

- Health and behavior assessment/intervention (96150-96154) frequency limits of 2/year for assessment and 6/year for intervention.
- Intensive behavioral therapy (G0447, G0473) is a Medi-Cal benefit for recipients with obesity (BMI ≥ 30) in accordance with USPSTF guidelines; TAR required for more than 22 units per 12 months.

Nutritional Consultation & Therapy 97802-97804, S9470

- Nutritional therapy is limited to 3 hours for the first calendar year and 2 hours per calendar year in each subsequent year.

Chronic care management services (99490) are covered when establishing, implementing, revising, or monitoring the comprehensive care plan of a patient with 2+ life-threatening chronic conditions.

UNDETERMINED

Medi-Cal does not explicitly include or exclude medications used to treat obesity.

Providers can contact the Pharmacy Benefits Division through the **Provider Helpline** at 916-636-1980 with questions.

Note: Several Medi-Cal MCOs include anti-obesity agents in their formularies and indicate that **pharmacotherapy coverage is available**.

Bariatric Surgery

COVERAGE may <u>include</u>:

Gastric Bypass, Gastric Band, Sleeve Gastrectomy

- Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) is required.
- Recipient must have: a BMI ≥ 40 (or ≥ 35 with comorbidity), documented failure of weight loss on conservative treatment regimens, a comprehensive pre/post-operative treatment plan established, and no medical or psychiatric contraindications to the procedure.



Adults with obesity: **25%** ³ Adults with diabetes: **10%** ³

26% of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP **\$85.4** billion in total Medicaid spending (2015)

85% enrolled in managed care **15%** enrolled in fee-for-service ⁴

Resources & Contacts:

CA Department of Insurance

Phone: 800-927-4357

Medi-Cal

Phone: 800-541-5555

California Project LEAN

Phone: 916-552-9907



CALIFORNIA MEDICAID: MANAGED CARE PLANS

13 plans total | 10,465,007 enrollees

L.A. Care Health Plan (1,907,545 enrollees)

Health Net Community Solutions (1,459,988 enrollees)

Inland Empire Health Plan (1,210,958 enrollees)



In addition to standard Medi-Cal services, the L.A. Care Health Plan covers:



In addition to standard Medi-Cal services, Health

In addition to standard Medi-Cal services, Inland Empire Health covers:

Assessment & Counseling

24-hour Nurse Advice Line (1-800-249-3619)

- Extensions in Member Handbook

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Disease Management—Health In MotionTM program offers consultations with RDs or Certified Health Coaches (1-855-856-6943 / in-person)

Assessment & Counseling

Net covers:

Adult preventive health services—see provider guidelines for men and women.

Health education programs: Fit Families for Life—Be in Charge!TM and Healthy Habits for Healthy People

Pharmacotherapy

Requires **prior authorization**. Coverage includes:

Belviq, Bontril, Contrave, Didrex, Diethylpropion (Tenuate/Tenuate Dopsan), Orlistat (Alli, Xenical), Phentermine (Adipex-P, Fastin, Suprenza), Qsymia, Saxenda

Pharmacotherapy

Requires **prior authorization**. Covered only as medically necessary for morbid obesity.

Adipex, Belviq, Contrave, Desoxyn, Qsymia

Pharmacotherapy

Requires prior authorization. Coverage includes:

Belviq, Contrave, Phentermine (Adipex-P, Lomaira, Suprenza), Qsymia, Regimex, Saxenda, Xenical

Bariatric Surgery

Providers must complete prior authorization requirements, including Provider Supervised Weight Loss Checklist.

Bariatric Surgery

Prior authorization is required.

Bariatric Surgery

National Medical Policy contains coverage criteria.

Resources

Phone: 909-890-2054

Medi-Cal Provider Manual Anti-Obesity Drug Class Monograph

Resources

Provider Call Center: 1-866-522-2736

L.A. Care Medi-Cal Provider Manual Adult Obesity Provider Toolkit

Resources

Phone: 1-877-527-8409

Health Education Programs & Services Prior Authorization Requirements

