





**NEW YORK**  
 Department of Health (DOH) <sup>132, 133, 134</sup>

Assessment & Counseling	Pharmacotherapy	
<p><b>COVERAGE may include:</b></p> <p><b>Preventive Counseling</b>                      99385-99387, 99395-99397</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General preventive medicine codes included in fee schedule, but coverage for adult obesity-specific prevention/treatment services not explicit;</li> <li>- Some MCOs reviewed indicate that providers are expected to educate enrollees on physical fitness and nutrition during office visits (included in capitated payment)</li> <li>- NY Medicaid covers patient education and training for disease self-management.</li> </ul>	<p><b>NOT COVERED</b></p> <p>NY Medicaid <u>excludes</u> coverage for amphetamine/amphetamine-like drugs which are used for the treatment of obesity and drugs whose sole clinical use is the reduction of weight.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> <i>Some MCOs explicitly exclude coverage for anti-obesity agents.</i></p>	 <p>Adults with obesity: <b>27%</b> <sup>3</sup>                      Adults with diabetes: <b>9%</b> <sup>3</sup></p> <p><b>24%</b> of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP  <b>\$59.8 billion</b> in total Medicaid spending (2015)</p>
<p><b>Behavioral Assessment/Intervention</b>                      98960-98962, S9445-S9446</p> <p><b>Nutritional Consultation &amp; Therapy</b>                      None</p> <p><u>NOTE:</u> <i>Adolescent <b>weight assessment</b> and counseling on nutrition and physical activity is covered only for members aged 3-17 years.</i></p> <p><u>NOTE:</u> <i>Coverage for adult obesity prevention/treatment services not explicitly mentioned.</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Bariatric Surgery</b></p> <p><b>COVERAGE may include:</b></p> <p>Gastric Bypass, Gastric Band, Sleeve Gastrectomy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prior authorization is required for both MCO and FFS members</li> <li>- Specific coverage criteria were not found.</li> </ul>	<p><b>77%</b> enrolled in managed care  <b>23%</b> enrolled in fee-for-service <sup>4</sup></p> <p><b>Resources &amp; Contacts:</b></p> <p><b>Department of Financial Services</b>                      Phone: 518-474-6600</p> <p><b>New York State of Health</b>                      Phone: 855-355-5777</p> <p><b>New York State Department of Health</b>                      Phone: 518-474-2011</p>

**NEW YORK MEDICAID: MANAGED CARE PLANS**  
24 plans total | 4,420,484 enrollees

<p align="center"><b>NYS Catholic Health Plan</b> (1,171,045 enrollees)</p>	<p align="center"><b>HealthFirst</b> (909,809 enrollees)</p>	<p align="center"><b>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan</b> (460,702 enrollees)</p>
<p align="center">   <b>FIDELIS CARE®</b> </p> <p>In addition to standard Medicaid services, Fidelis Care (NYSCHP) covers:</p> <p><b><u>Assessment &amp; Counseling</u></b></p> <p>Providers are expected to <b>educate enrollees</b> on physical fitness and nutrition during office visits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact Member Services (1-888-343-3547) for information on upcoming classes</li> </ul> <p><i>Fitness reimbursement is <b>not</b> available for Medicaid members, but is offered for low-income members on Essential Plan.</i></p> <p><b><u>Bariatric Surgery</u></b></p> <p>Must complete a <b>prior authorization</b> request to obtain coverage.</p> <p><b><u>Resources</u></b> Phone: 1-888-343-3547</p> <p><b><u>Provider Manual</u></b> <b>BMI Screening &amp; Documentation Guidelines</b></p>	<p align="center">   <b>healthfirst®</b> </p> <p>In addition to standard Medicaid services, HealthFirst covers:</p> <p><b><u>Assessment &amp; Counseling</u></b></p> <p><b>Preventive:</b> 99401-99404*, 99411-99412*  <b>Nutritional:</b> G0270-G0271, S9452^, S9470^  <b>Intervention:</b> G0447*, S9449^, S9451^, S9452^</p> <p><b><u>Bariatric Surgery</u></b></p> <p>Coverage criteria not found.</p> <p><i>*Included in capitated physician payment</i>  <i>^ Includes \$10 incentive payment</i></p> <p><b><u>Resources</u></b> Phone: 866-463-6743</p> <p><b><u>Provider Manual</u></b> <b>Directory of NYC Medicaid Nutritionists</b></p>	<p align="center">   <b>UnitedHealthcare®</b>  <small>Community Plan</small> </p> <p>In addition to standard Medicaid services, UHC Community Plan covers:</p> <p><b><u>Assessment &amp; Counseling</u></b></p> <p><b>98960-98962 + GT:</b> Patient self-management education/training provided by a non-physician healthcare professional using <b>Telehealth technology</b>.</p> <p><b><u>Bariatric Surgery</u></b></p> <p>Must complete a <b>prior authorization</b> request to obtain coverage; see <b>coverage criteria</b>.</p> <p><b><u>Resources</u></b> Phone: 866-362-3368</p> <p><b><u>Care Provider Manual</u></b> <b>Prior Authorization List</b></p>