

**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
 Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) <sup>160, 161, 162</sup>

Assessment & Counseling	Pharmacotherapy	
<p><b>COVERAGE may include:</b></p> <p><b>Preventive Counseling</b>                      99401-99404, 99385-99387, 99395-99397, G0438*, G0439</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- *Coverage only as a Family Planning service.</li> </ul> <p><b>Behavioral Assessment/Intervention</b>                      G0447, 96150-96154, S9445-S9446, S0316</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SCDHHS’s obesity initiative targets individuals (BMI &gt; 30) who do not meet the criteria for gastric bypass surgery but are committed to losing weight through diet and exercise.</li> <li>- All obesity visits must include counseling under the 5 As framework (assess, advise, agree, assist, arrange).</li> <li>- Providers should emphasize the importance exercise and develop a realistic exercise plan with goals.</li> <li>- Providers should arrange for individual nutritional assessment to be provided by a licensed dietician.</li> <li>- See <a href="#">website</a> for weight management programs that accept Medicaid.</li> </ul> <p><b>Nutritional Consultation &amp; Therapy</b>                      97802, S9452, S9470</p>	<p><b>COVERAGE may include:</b></p> <p>Xenical (<i>orlistat</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Prior authorization</b> is required.</li> <li>- Patient must have a BMI &gt; 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> in the presence of other risk factors (e.g., hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia).</li> <li>- Patient must be on a reduced fat and calorie diet with nutritional counseling</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: SC Medicaid typically excludes coverage for weight control products (except lipase inhibitors).</i></p>	
	Bariatric Surgery	
	<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.</li> <li>- Covered only when procedure is medically necessary to correct an illness that caused the obesity or was aggravated by the obesity.</li> <li>- Individuals who receive bariatric surgery will be required to undergo an annual evaluation to assess long-term effectiveness of the procedure.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Resources &amp; Contacts:</b></p> <p><b>South Carolina Department of Insurance</b>                      Phone: 803-737-6160</p> <p><b>South Carolina Healthy Connections</b>                      Phone: 888-289-0709</p> <p><b>Dept. of Health &amp; Environmental Control</b>                      Phone: 803-898-3432</p>