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### **Assessment & Counseling**

### **Pharmacotherapy**

### **COVERAGE** may include:

### **Preventive Counseling**

99411, 99385, 99395, 99386-99387\*, 99396-99397\*

## Behavioral Assessment/Intervention<sup>†</sup> 96150-96155, S9449, 99078, S9446

- Living Well with Chronic Conditions Self-Management Program offers free, weekly 2.5-hour small-group workshops on appropriate exercise, good nutrition, and effective health communication.

# Nutritional Consultation & Therapy<sup>†</sup> 97802-97803, G0270, S9470, S9452

- Nutritional counseling for malnutrition or obesity is covered for pregnant adults (14 visits) and EPSDT-eligible clients (unlimited).
- Non-pregnant adults with a BMI > 30 and supportive documentation may receive up to 2 hours of nutritional counseling (1 initial, 1 subsequent); copayment required.

<u>NOTE</u>: *UT Medicaid explicitly <u>excludes</u> coverage* for some services related to treatment of obesity/weight control, including:

- education/nutritional/support programs
- medications for appetite suppression (oral or injectable)

#### **NOT COVERED**

UT Medicaid explicitly <u>excludes</u> coverage of drugs used for anorexia, weight loss, or weight gain.

### **Bariatric Surgery**

### **COVERAGE** may include:

Gastric Bypass, Gastric Band, Sleeve Gastrectomy

- **Prior authorization** is required; specific procedure coverage varies by type of Medicaid (traditional vs. non-traditional).
- Surgery for obesity will be considered when the patient meets specific criteria<sup>176</sup> outlined by the Utah Department of Health (BMI threshold, age, comorbidity, informed consent).
- Requires psychiatric evaluation to assess the patient's plan for daily exercise based on current physical abilities, awareness of eating triggers/coping mechanisms, knowledge of a healthy diet regimen and/or need for nutritional counseling, understanding of the effect tobacco/alcohol use on surgical outcome, and willingness to continue supervised behavior modification therapy for at least one year.



Adults with obesity: 26%<sup>3</sup> Adults with diabetes: 8%<sup>3</sup>

**12%** of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP **\$2.2** billion in total Medicaid spending (2015)

**82%** enrolled in managed care **18%** enrolled in fee-for-service <sup>4</sup>

#### **Resources & Contacts:**

**Utah Insurance Department** 

Phone: 801-538-3800

**Utah Medicaid Program** 

Phone: 800-662-9651

**Utah Department of Health** 

Phone: 801-538-6003



<sup>\*</sup> Covered for Primary Care Network (PCN) only

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> Covered for **Traditional Medicaid** only (not PCN)