### **VIRGINIA**

# Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) — Health Benefits Program

## **Clinical Weight Management**

# **Prevention, Assessment, & Intervention** 543

### Preventive Counseling:

- BCBS: wellness visits and obesity screening/counseling limited to one each per plan year
- Aetna: covers up to 26 visits/year with obesity

### Nutritional Counseling:

- BCBS: covered only in preventive visit
- Aetna: Non-preventive nutrition counseling covered for adults w/ increased chronic disease risk (max 10 visits)

### Behavioral Therapy:

- Some plans cover obesity counseling to help member lose weight as preventive intervention and treatment services through pre-surgical program
- Excludes benefits for care of obesity or services related to weight loss or dietary control, except as outlined in Plan documents

# **Pharmacotherapy**

- Weight loss drugs may be covered for morbid obesity with prior authorization
  - o Saxenda [T3] only drug on formulary
- High cost-sharing for KP HMO; covers only 50% of weight management drugs
- Aetna specifically **excludes** coverage for appetite suppressants and other medications

### **Bariatric Surgery**

Coverage: YES

- Prior authorization required; must complete 12-month **Bariatric Pre-Surgery Program** and meet plan's medical necessity criteria

## **Employee Incentive Program**

### CommonHealth of Virginia 544

Health risk assessment: YES

#### Desired outcome:

- Complete or update online Health Assessment (through **AcriveHealth**)
- Complete annual biometric screening

### Reward(s):

Premium reduction – save \$17 / month (\$34 w/ spouse)

### Recognition

- o Wellness Champion Award
- o CommonHealth Worksite Certified

### **Other Wellness Benefits**

### Discounted gym membership

- Fitness center membership **discounts** available at locations statewide

# Weight Watchers

- DHRM will **reimburse** 50% of the cost for monthly pass, contingent on sufficient **attendance** of weekly meetings

### Health coaching

- Free personal health **coaching** available through ActiveHealth

### Onsite Fitness Classes

 State employees are encouraged to participate in onsite fitness classes at their worksite; details on starting new classes and locating instructors available online



Adults with obesity: **29%** <sup>536</sup>
Adults with diabetes: **10%** <sup>537</sup>

State employees: **166,895** (64% FT) <sup>538</sup> Premium payments: **\$789** million <sup>539</sup>

### Top state plan/s:

COVA Care PPO- Anthem (SOB) <sup>540</sup> COVA HealthAware CDHP - Aetna (SOB) <sup>541</sup> COVA HDHP- Anthem (SOB) Kaiser Permanente HMO (SOB) <sup>542</sup>

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