VERMONT

Agency of Administration – Department of Human Resources (DHR)

Clinical Weight Management

Prevention, Assessment, & Intervention 531,532

Preventive Counseling:

- Covers preventive obesity screening and behavioral counseling in primary care to promote healthy diet for adults

Nutritional Counseling:

- Nutritional evaluation and counseling are covered as medically necessary for the management of organic disease (e.g. hyperlipidemia, metabolic disorder)
- Up to three (3) visits/year; more w/ PA

Behavioral Therapy:

 Excludes coverage for medical, surgical and other services intended primarily for the treatment or control of obesity which are not Medically Necessary, including weight loss programs, dietary instructions, exercise programs, gymnasiums, physical fitness programs and weight reduction procedures designed to restrict the ability to assimilate food.

Pharmacotherapy 533

- Effective 10/12/2011, anti-obesity agents (weight loss agents) are no longer a covered benefit for all Vermont Pharmacy Programs. This change is resultant from Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board concerns regarding safety and efficacy of these agents.

Bariatric Surgery 534

Coverage: YES

- Prior authorization required; see Medical Plan Document for coverage criteria

Employee Incentive Program

LiveWell Vermont—Wellness: Your Way 535

Health risk assessment: YES

Desired outcomes:

- Complete biometric screening
- Complete Health Assessment and Wellness Score Survey
- Participate in selected activities throughout the year to earn incentive **points**
 - o Focus on physical activity, nutrition, and emotional health for 2018

Reward(s):

Cash / coupon (BCBS members) – up to \$150

[see **FAQs** for additional information]

Other Wellness Benefits

BCBS Blue Extras

 Various discounts on gym memberships, commercial weight-loss programs, and nutritional supports

Health coaching

 Free coaching sessions for employees with identified health risk factors

Workshops & Classes

 Various workshops offered by LiveWell Vermont (in-person or online) for employees, covering mindfulness, exercise, diabetes prevention, weight management, and other topics



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State employees: **17,387** (77% FT) ⁵²⁸ Premium payments: **\$75 million** ⁵²⁹

Top state plan/s:

Group Health Benefit:⁵³⁰

TotalChoice Plan (SOB) SelectCare POS (SOB)

*administered by BCBS of Vermont

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