### Assessment & Counseling

**Coverage** may include:

**Preventive Counseling**
99401-99404, 99411-99412
99385-99387, 99395-99397

Specific details regarding coverage criteria for obesity counseling and intervention services were not found.

- Preventive/wellness services **limited** to one adult annual physical per year (includes healthy diet counseling)
- Pregnant women with obesity qualify for nutrition counseling, psychosocial services, and case management through the [Prenatal Plus](#) program.

**Behavioral Assessment/Intervention**
96150-96155, S9445

**Nutritional Consultation & Therapy**
97802-97804
- Colorado Medical Assistance Program does not include obesity control therapy as a psychiatric service benefit.

**NOTE:** Beginning March 2017, members will be able to apply for WIC program through [Colorado PEAK online portal](#).

### Pharmacotherapy

**NOT COVERED**

Colorado Medical Assistance Program explicitly excludes anorectics/drugs for weight loss from benefit coverage.

### Bariatric Surgery

**Coverage** may include:

- **Gastric Bypass**, **Gastric Band**, **Sleeve Gastrectomy**
  - **Prior authorization** is required.
  - Adults beneficiaries must have: a BMI £ 40 (or a BMI > 35 with at least one related comorbidity) for at least 2 years duration; documentation of at least one previous clinically-supervised weight loss attempt (duration of 6+ months) in the past 18 months; and no medical or psychiatric contraindications to the surgical procedure and/or post-operative care plan.
  - Clients < 18 years of age must have documentation showing: exclusion or diagnosis of genetic/syndromic obesity; Tanner stage IV breast development (females); and 95% attainment of projected adult height.

### Resources & Contacts:

**Health First Colorado**
Phone: 800-221-3943

**CO Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing**
Phone: 303-866-2993

**CO Dept. of Public Health & Environment**
Phone: 303-692-2000

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Adults with obesity: 21% ³
Adults with diabetes: 7% ³

19% of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP

$7.4 billion in total Medicaid spending (2015)

77% enrolled in primary-care case management

14% enrolled in fee-for-service

9% enrolled in managed care ⁴