## Coverage

### Assessment & Counseling

Coverage may include:

- **No mention of obesity services for adults**

### Pharmacotherapy

Coverage may include:

DMAP does not routinely cover drugs indicated for the treatment of obesity; coverage for FDA-approved drugs may be provided with prior authorization:35

- Patient must have a BMI > 27 kg/m², be diagnosed with diabetes mellitus or hyperlipidemia, and be on placed on a medically-supervised calorie-restricted diet and exercise program.
- See the approval guidelines for additional coverage criteria.

### Bariatric Surgery

Coverage may include:

Gastric Bypass, Gastric Band, Sleeve Gastrectomy

- Prior authorization is required for all requests; must be submitted in writing
- DMAP may cover bariatric surgery for treatment of obesity in adults when the patient’s obesity is causing significant illness and incapacitation and when all more conservative treatment options have failed.

## Resources & Contacts:

- **Delaware Medicaid Customer Relations**
  Phone: 302-571-4900

- **Delaware Health & Social Services**
  Phone: 302-255-9500

- **Eating for Better Health**
  Division of Public Health
  Phone: 302-744-4700

## Statistics

- **Adults with obesity:** 31%3
- **Adults with diabetes:** 10%3
- **18%** of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP
- **$1.9 billion** in total Medicaid spending (2015)
- **94%** enrolled in managed care
- **6%** enrolled in fee-for-service4

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**NOTE**: Preventive, treatment and follow-up services—including dietary counseling*, nutrition education, and laboratory services—are covered for children whose routine EPSDT screening suggest dietary inadequacy, obesity, or other nutritional problems.