### Assessment & Counseling

**COVERAGE** may include:

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

**Behavioral Assessment/Intervention**
- 96150-96155†
  Through Medicaid expansion, DHH covers counseling risk factor reduction and behavioral change intervention services provided separately from the preventive medicine examination.
  - Limitations apply to adult preventive counseling provided as an E/M service (99385-97).

**Nutritional Consultation & Therapy**
- S9470, 97802-97804†
  - Medical nutritional therapy (S9470) is payable only for children (<21 years) and must be provided by a registered dietician
  - † These services are payable for Medicare/Medicaid (dual-eligible) recipients only.

### Pharmacotherapy

**COVERAGE** may include:

LA Medicaid does not reimburse for anorexics other than orlistat (Xenical, Alli).

**Prior authorization** is required.
- Patient is 12+ years of age and has a BMI ≥ 27 kg/m² with other risk factors.
- Prescription indicates 30-day supply with no refills; maximum of 90 capsules.
- See the [approval guidelines](#) for additional coverage criteria.

### Bariatric Surgery

**COVERAGE** may include:

Gastric Bypass, Gastric Band, Sleeve Gastrectomy
- **Prior authorization** is required.
  - Covered only after a comprehensive and sustained program of diet and exercise with or without pharmacologic measures has been unsuccessful over time.
  - Physician letter documenting medical necessity and confirmatory evidence of co-morbid condition(s) must accompany the PA request.
  - **Photographs must be submitted with the request for consideration of bariatric surgery.**

Resources & Contacts:

**Department of Health & Hospitals**
Phone: 225-342-9500

**Council on Physical Fitness & Sports**
Phone: 225-342-4886

**Louisiana Department of Insurance**
Phone: 800-259-5300

Adults with obesity: 35% ³
Adults with diabetes: 10% ³

20% of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP
$8.1 billion in total Medicaid spending (2015)

70% enrolled in managed care
30% enrolled in fee-for-service ⁴