### Assessment & Counseling

**COVERAGE** may include:

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

- **Behavioral Assessment/Intervention**
  - 96150-96154, 98960-98962, 99078
  - MHCP covers physician visits, medical nutritional therapy, mental health services, and laboratory work provided for weight management on a component basis.
  - Recipients participating in a weight loss program may be billed for non-covered components of the program if the recipient is informed of charges in advance.

- **Nutritional Consultation & Therapy**
  - S9470*, 97802-97804, G0270-G0271, G0438-G0439
  - *MHCP reimburses dietician or nutritionist services only when prescribed by a physician and provided in an office or outpatient setting.

**NOTE:** MHCP does not cover weight loss services on a program basis, nutritional supplements/foods for weight reduction, exercise classes, health club memberships, instructional materials/books, motivational classes, services provided by non-MHCP providers, or counseling that is already paid as part of the physician's covered services.

### Pharmacotherapy

**NOT COVERED**

- MN Medicaid typically excludes coverage of drugs used to promote weight loss; Xenical is indicated only for the treatment of hyperlipidemia
- Desoxyn will not be approved for treatment of obesity

### Bariatric Surgery

**COVERAGE** may include:

- Gastric Bypass, Gastric Band, Sleeve Gastrectomy

- Prior authorization is required.
- Recipient must: have a BMI > 40 kg/m² (or > 35 with a comorbidity) that has persisted for at least two years; have made at least one medically-supervised attempt (6-month duration) to lose weight; and have no medical or psychiatric contraindications to the procedure.

**NOTE:** See guidelines for full criteria. Patients not meeting these criteria may be considered for approval on a case-by-case basis.

### Resources & Contacts:

**Department of Human Services**
Phone: 651-296-6117

**Minnesota Department of Health**
Phone: 651-201-5000

**Minnesota Health Care Programs**
Phone: 651-431-2670

Adults with obesity: **28%**
Adults with diabetes: **8%**

14% of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP

$10.9 billion in total Medicaid spending (2015)

75% enrolled in managed care
25% enrolled in fee-for-service