### NORTH CAROLINA  
Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) 135, 136, 137, 138

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<td>NC Medicaid explicitly excludes coverage for weight loss and weight gain drugs.</td>
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<td>- NC Medicaid covers one adult preventive medicine health assessment per year, to include:</td>
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**NOTE:** Additional services may be available to members enrolled in CCNC/Carolina Access, the state’s primary-care case management program.

**NOTE:** Dietary evaluation and counseling services are covered only for children through 20 years of age and pregnant/postpartum women with medical necessity. *(Clinical Coverage Policy No. 1-I)*

**Bariatric Surgery**

**COVERAGE** may include:

Gastric Bypass, Gastric Band, Sleeve Gastrectomy

- Prior authorization is required.
- Recipient must be at least 18 years of age and have diagnosis of clinically-severe obesity with a serious comorbidity.
- Must include documentation of unsuccessful medically-supervised treatment attempt in past 12 months, dietician/nutritionist evaluation, psychological evaluation.
- Must complete all pre-surgical requirements as requested by the surgeon.

**Note:** See Section 3 of source for full coverage criteria and adolescent policy.

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Adults with obesity: 30%  
Adults with diabetes: 10%  
18% of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP  
$13.5 billion in total Medicaid spending (2015)  
80% enrolled in primary care case management  
20% enrolled in fee-for-service

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