


PENNSYLVANIA

Department of Human Services (DHS) ^{154, 155, 156}

Assessment & Counseling	Pharmacotherapy	
<p>COVERAGE may include:</p> <p>Preventive Counseling 99385-99387, 99395-99397, 99401</p> <p>Behavioral Assessment/Intervention 96150-96154[†], S9451</p> <p>Nutritional Consultation & Therapy S9470</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Covered only for pregnant women and/or as a family planning service. <p><i>NOTE: The Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) does not explicitly mention obesity services for adults.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Department provides childhood nutrition and weight management services (e.g. individual/family weight management counseling; nutritional counseling) <p>[†] Behavioral assessment/intervention services are covered only for youth (<18 years) and pregnant women.</p>	<p>NOT COVERED</p> <p>PA Medicaid explicitly <u>excludes</u> coverage for drugs and other items prescribed for obesity, appetite control, or other similar or related habit-altering tendencies.</p>	
	Bariatric Surgery	
	<p>COVERAGE may include:</p> <p>PA Medicaid generally excludes coverage of bariatric surgery for morbid obesity, except when all other types of treatment have failed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prior authorization is required. - Patient must have morbid obesity (BMI > 40 kg/m² or >35 with severe comorbidity) that interferes with daily function to the extent that performance is severely curtailed and no specifically correctable cause for the obesity. - Must have documented history of failure in physician supervised nutrition/exercise program and/or multi-disciplinary surgical preparatory regiment (at least 6 months) 	<p>Adults with obesity: 30% ³</p> <p>Adults with diabetes: 10% ³</p> <p>18% of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP \$23.4 billion in total Medicaid spending (2015)</p> <p>83% enrolled in managed care 17% enrolled in fee-for-service ⁴</p> <p>Resources & Contacts:</p> <p>Obesity Prevention & Wellness Program Phone: 877-724-3258</p> <p>HealthChoices Pennsylvania Phone: 866-550-4355</p> <p>Pennsylvania Department of Health Phone: 877-724-3258</p>