### Assessment & Counseling

**Coverage may include:**

- Preventive Counseling: 99385-99387, 99395-99397, 99401
- Behavioral Assessment/Intervention: 96150-96154, S9451
- Nutritional Consultation & Therapy: S9470
  - Covered only for pregnant women and/or as a family planning service.

**Note:** The Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) does not explicitly mention obesity services for adults.

- The Department provides childhood nutrition and weight management services (e.g. individual/family weight management counseling; nutritional counseling)

1 Behavioral assessment/intervention services are covered only for youth (<18 years) and pregnant women.

### Pharmacotherapy

**Not Covered**

PA Medicaid explicitly excludes coverage for drugs and other items prescribed for obesity, appetite control, or other similar or related habit-altering tendencies.

### Bariatric Surgery

**Coverage may include:**

PA Medicaid generally excludes coverage of bariatric surgery for morbid obesity, except when all other types of treatment have failed.

- 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 regimen (at least 6 months).

### Resources & Contacts:

- **Obesity Prevention & Wellness Program**
  Phone: 877-724-3258

- **HealthChoices Pennsylvania**
  Phone: 866-550-4355

- **Pennsylvania Department of Health**
  Phone: 877-724-3258

### Coverage

- Adults with obesity: 30% ³
- Adults with diabetes: 10% ³

- 18% of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP
- $23.4 billion in total Medicaid spending (2015)

- 83% enrolled in managed care
- 17% enrolled in fee-for-service ⁴