### COVERAGE may include:

#### Preventive Counseling

99401-99404, 99385-99387, 99395-99397, G0438*, G0439
- *Coverage only as a Family Planning service.

#### Behavioral Assessment/Intervention

G0447, 96150-96154, S9445-S9446, S0316
- SCDHHS’s obesity initiative targets individuals (BMI > 30) who do not meet the criteria for gastric bypass surgery but are committed to losing weight through diet and exercise.
- All obesity visits must include counseling under the 5 As framework (assess, advise, agree, assist, arrange).
- Providers should emphasize the importance exercise and develop a realistic exercise plan with goals.
- Providers should arrange for individual nutritional assessment to be provided by a licensed dietician.
- See website for weight management programs that accept Medicaid.

#### Nutritional Consultation & Therapy

97802, S9452, S9470

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### Pharmacotherapy

#### Xenical (orlistat)
- Prior authorization is required.
- Patient must have a BMI > 30 kg/m² in the presence of other risk factors (e.g., hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia).
- Patient must be on a reduced fat and calorie diet with nutritional counseling

**Note:** SC Medicaid typically excludes coverage for weight control products (except lipase inhibitors).

### Bariatric Surgery

#### Gastric Bypass, Gastric Band, Sleeve Gastrectomy
- Prior authorization is required.
- Covered only when procedure is medically necessary to correct an illness that caused the obesity or was aggravated by the obesity.
- Individuals who receive bariatric surgery will be required to undergo an annual evaluation to assess long-term effectiveness of the procedure.

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**Resources & Contacts:**

- **South Carolina Department of Insurance**
  Phone: 803-737-6160

- **South Carolina Healthy Connections**
  Phone: 888-289-0709

- **Dept. of Health & Environmental Control**
  Phone: 803-898-3432

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**Adults with obesity:** 32% ³

**Adults with diabetes:** 11% ³

**19%** of residents covered by Medicaid/CHIP

**$6.0** billion in total Medicaid spending (2015)

**73%** enrolled in managed care

**27%** enrolled in fee-for-service ⁴