

Obesity Benefit Synopsis

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming has updated procedure codes related to obesity coverage and preventative benefits. Preventive diet, behavioral, and medical counseling are permitted for obesity under the US Preventive Service Task Force recommendations. These standard preventive benefits apply to all fully insured lines of business but can vary for self-funded groups.

Diagnoses: Diabetes, prediabetes, obesity, overweight, hyperlipidemia, hypertension, and certain genetic disorders.

Age Limits: Ages 6 – 18: 26 visits per calendar year. Age 19 & Older: 12 visits per calendar year. These accumulate per provider, per date of service.

Procedure Code	Description
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Behavioral Counseling

G0446	Annual, face-to-face intensive behavioral therapy for cardiovascular disease, individual, 15 minutes
G0447	Face-to-face behavioral counseling for obesity, 15 minutes
G0473	Face-to-face behavioral counseling for obesity, group (2-10), 30 minutes

Medical Nutrition Therapy

97802	Medical nutrition therapy: initial assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes
97803	Medical nutrition therapy: re-assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes
97804	Medical nutrition therapy: group (2 or more individual(s)), each 30 minutes
G0270*	Medical nutrition therapy: reassessment and subsequent intervention(s) following second referral in same year for change in diagnosis, medical condition, or treatment regimen (including additional hours needed for renal disease), individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes
G0271*	Medical nutrition therapy: reassessment and subsequent intervention(s) following second referral in same year for change in diagnosis, medical condition, or treatment regimen (including additional hours needed for renal disease), individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 30 minutes

99401	Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure): approximately 15 minutes
99402	Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure): approximately 30 minutes
99403	Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to



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	an individual (separate procedure): approximately 45 minutes
99404	Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure): approximately 60 minutes
99411	Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to individuals in a group setting (separate procedure); approximately 30 minutes
99412	Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to individuals in a group setting (separate procedure); approximately 60 minutes

Bariatric Surgery

Surgery for obesity will be a Covered Service only when required due to morbid obesity. Benefits will only be paid when:

- (1) The member has a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or greater, or
- (2) The member has a BMI of 35 to 39.99 with a co-morbidity

IMPORTANT NOTE: Authorization by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming is required for Surgery for obesity.

*New Codes