

Legislative action on policy options for obesity and eating disorders.

NOTE: This document is updated annually if additional legislation is introduced.

Policy option	JCHC action	General Assembly action	Legislation year
1. Direct DMAS to develop a plan to incorporate the National Diabetes Prevention Program as a covered service within the Medicaid State Plan.	JCHC recommended (unanimous vote)	Not included in final budget	2024
2. Request HIRC and BOI to define nutritional counseling in the Essential Health Benefits benchmark plan.	JCHC recommended (unanimous vote)	Item 479 F.	2024
3. - Request HIRC and BOI conduct assessments to include medical nutrition therapy in the Essential Health Benefits benchmark plan when medically necessary.	JCHC recommended (unanimous vote)	N/A	
4. Direct DMAS to remove service limits for medical nutrition therapy when treating qualifying or eligible medical conditions.	JCHC recommended (unanimous vote)	Not included in final budget	2024
5. Request HIRC and BOI conduct assessments to include weight loss medication in the Essential Health Benefits benchmark plan when medically necessary, as determined by a healthcare provider	JCHC recommended (unanimous vote)	N/A	
6. Request HIRC and BOI conduct assessments to include bariatric surgery in the Essential Health Benefits benchmark plan when medically necessary, as determined by a healthcare provider.	JCHC recommended (unanimous vote)	N/A	
7. Direct DMAS to conduct a rate study to develop reimbursement rates for residential, partial hospitalization, and intensive outpatient services for eating disorder services for adults over 21.	JCHC recommended (unanimous vote)	Not included in final budget	2024

8. Require all Medicaid MCOs and state-regulated health insurers to remove prior authorization for eating disorder services.	JCHC recommended (unanimous vote)	Item 479 F.	2024
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