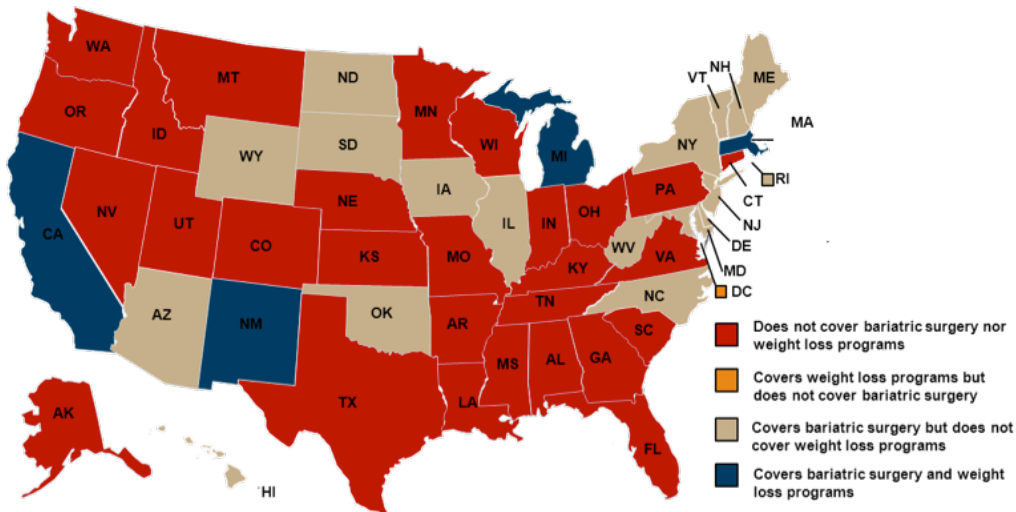

OCC Health Policy Memo

Summary of State Benchmark Plan Coverage of Obesity Treatment Services

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This review was based on coverage summaries for all 50 state benchmark plan selections – provided by HHS as an appendix to the November 20, 2012 proposed rule on essential health benefits (EHB). The HHS summary was based on states' current EHB benchmark plan selection, with states that have not selected an EHB benchmark plan defaulting to the largest small-group employer plan in the state.

State Benchmark Plan Coverage of Obesity Treatment Services



Source: CCIIO summary of EHB benchmark plans based on 2012 benefits
Note: "Weight-loss programs" is a category that insurers are required to report to CCIIO; we were unable to identify what, if any, criteria plans have to meet in order to claim they cover weight-loss programs.

Summary of Coverage

Twenty-two states chose benchmark plans that cover bariatric surgery (AZ, CA, DE, HI, IL, IA, ME, MD, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, MA, MI, OK, RI, SD, VT, WV, and WY).

Five states chose benchmark plans that cover weight loss programs (CA, DC, NM, MA, and MI).

Twenty-eight states chose benchmark plans that cover neither bariatric surgery nor weight loss programs (AL, AK, AR, CO, CT, FL, GA, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI)

Detailed State EHB Benchmark Plan Summaries

Bariatric Surgery (BS) Row Number 19

Weight Loss Programs (WLP) Row Number 42

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[Arkansas](#) | BS: Not Covered, WLP: Not Covered

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