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**PURPOSE:**

The intent of this clinical policy is to provide coverage guidelines for nutritional counseling.

Please refer to the member's benefit document for specific information. To the extent there is any inconsistency between this policy and the terms of the member's benefit plan or certificate of coverage, the terms of the member's benefit plan document will govern.

**POLICY:**

Benefits must be available for health care services. Health care services must be ordered by a provider. Health care services must be medically necessary, applicable conservative treatments must have been tried, and the most cost-effective alternative must be requested for coverage consideration.

**COVERAGE:**

- I. Ordered by a provider practicing within their scope of practice.
- II. Provided during a confinement or in an office, clinic system, or hospital setting.
- III. Provided by a registered nurse, licensed dietitian, or certified educator under appropriate supervision.
- IV. Ordered for one of the following chronic conditions that has been diagnosed by a provider.
  - A. Atherosclerotic coronary heart disease
  - B. Cancer or AIDS-related wasting
  - C. Celiac sprue disease
  - D. Chronic renal insufficiency
  - E. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD [includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema])
  - F. Cystic fibrosis
  - G. Diabetes, including gestational diabetes and prediabetes
  - H. Diverticulitis/diverticulosis
  - I. Dyslipidemia
  - J. Feeding and Eating Disorders as defined by *DSM* (eg, anorexia and bulimia)
  - K. Hypertension
  - L. Inflammatory bowel disease (eg, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis)
  - M. Malnutrition

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- N. Obesity
- O. Phenylketonuria (PKU) or inborn errors of metabolism that are treated by dietary restrictions (eg, maple syrup urine disease, homocystinuria, histidinemia and tyrosinemia)
- P. Seizure disorder
- Q. Underweight
- V. Counseling that is treated as a preventive health service as defined in the applicable Preventive Health Care Services schedule

**EXCLUSIONS (not limited to):**

Refer to member's Certificate of Coverage or Summary Plan Description

**DEFINITIONS:**Confinement:

An uninterrupted stay of 24 hours or more in a hospital, skilled nursing facility, rehabilitation facility, or licensed residential treatment facility

DSM:

The most current edition of the American Psychiatric Association Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Health Disorders

Obesity:

Body mass index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

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## CODING:

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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 individuals), 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), group (2 or more individuals), each 30 minutes

S9465 Diabetic management program, dietitian visit

S9470 Nutritional counseling, dietitian visit

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## REFERENCES:

1. Integrated Healthcare Services Process Manual UR015 Use of Medical Policy and Criteria
2. Clinical Policy: Coverage Determination Guidelines (MP/C009)

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