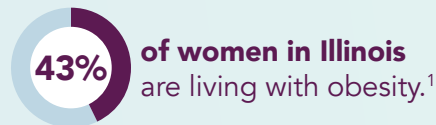


# women in **Illinois** deserve coverage for obesity care



## obesity is a chronic disease impacting women across Illinois



Obesity is linked to **over 200** other chronic health complications including breast and ovarian cancers and fertility challenges.<sup>2</sup>

### In Illinois, obesity impacts:<sup>1</sup>



Women living with obesity **earn 9% less** than women without obesity.<sup>3</sup>

**Health insurance barriers** place obesity care options, especially medications, out of reach for many women in Illinois.



Only **13% of Illinoisans** have health insurance plans that cover obesity medications.<sup>4</sup>



Illinois Medicaid **does not cover** obesity medications.<sup>4</sup>

In addition to obesity medications, evidence-based, **comprehensive obesity care** includes:<sup>5</sup>

- ✓ Nutrition services
- ✓ Intensive behavioral therapy
- ✓ Weight-loss surgery
- ✓ Physical activity

## obesity has a significant financial impact on the state of Illinois



In 2022, the disease:



Reduced economic activity in Illinois by **\$17.6 billion**<sup>6</sup>



Increased Illinois employers' healthcare costs by **\$2.1 billion**<sup>6</sup>

**Obesity care should be covered in Illinois** just like care for other chronic diseases—it's **only fair**.

**Let's work together** to ensure everybody is covered in Illinois.

**Join our movement** to ensure people living with obesity in Illinois are treated fairly.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.norc.org/research/projects/obesity-prevalence-and-comorbidity-map.html>  
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ama-assn.org/topics/obesity>  
<sup>3</sup> <https://www.globaldata.com/health-economics/US/perMillion/Obesity-Impact-Per-Million-Population.pdf>  
<sup>4</sup> <https://www.leveragegc.com/rwjf/platform>  
<sup>5</sup> <https://www.obesityaction.org/resources/access-to-obesity-care-what-do-we-mean-and-how-are-we-seeking-it/>  
<sup>6</sup> <https://www.globaldata.com/health-economics/US/Illinois/Obesity-Impact-on-Illinois-Factsheet.pdf>