

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.²

In Illinois, obesity impacts:¹



Women living with obesity **earn 9% less** than women without obesity.³

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 management medications.⁴



Illinois Medicaid **does not cover** obesity management medications.⁴

In addition to obesity management medications, evidence-based, **comprehensive obesity care** includes:⁵

- ✓ 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**⁶



Increased Illinois employers' healthcare costs by **\$2.1 billion**⁶

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.

The EveryBODY Covered campaign is a program of the Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention. Support for the campaign has been provided by Eli Lilly & Co.

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

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