# women in **New York** deserve coverage for obesity care



### obesity is a chronic disease impacting women across New York



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



Only **20% of New Yorkers** have health insurance plans that cover obesity medications.<sup>4</sup>

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

In addition to obesity management 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 New York

Obesity is linked to **over 200** other chronic health complications

including breast and ovarian cancers and fertility challenges.<sup>2</sup>

Women living with obesity

earn 9% less than women

without obesity.3

In 2022, the disease:



Reduced economic activity in New York by **\$37.3 billion**<sup>6</sup>



Increased New York employers' healthcare costs by **\$3 billion**<sup>6</sup>

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

Let's work together to ensure everybody is covered in New York.

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 New York are treated fairly.

#### everyBODYcovered.org

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