

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

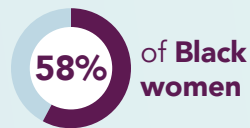


## obesity is a chronic disease impacting women across Ohio



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

### In Ohio, 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 Ohio.



Only **11% of Ohioans** have health insurance plans that cover obesity medications.<sup>4</sup>



Ohio 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 Ohio



In 2022, the disease:



Reduced economic activity in Ohio by **\$19.5 billion**<sup>6</sup>



Increased Ohio employers' healthcare costs by **\$2.2 billion**<sup>6</sup>

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

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

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 Ohio are treated fairly.

**everyBODYcovered.org**

1 <https://www.norc.org/research/projects/obesity-prevalence-and-comorbidity-map.html>  
2 <https://www.ama-assn.org/topics/obesity>  
3 <https://www.globaldata.com/health-economics/US/perMillion/Obesity-Impact-Per-Million-Population.pdf>  
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6 <https://www.globaldata.com/health-economics/US/Ohio/Obesity-Impact-on-Ohio-Factsheet.pdf>