

304.17A-659 Prohibited standards and permitted factors for coverage of feeding or eating disorder treatments. (Effective January 1, 2027)

An insurer that offers or provides coverage for the treatment of a diagnosed feeding or eating disorder under a health plan:

- (1) Shall not utilize any of the following standards as the sole reason for denying, limiting, or restricting the coverage:
 - (a) Body mass index;
 - (b) Ideal body weight; or
 - (c) Any other standard requiring an achieved weight; and
- (2) May consider the following factors when determining the medical necessity of a treatment, or the appropriate level of care, for an individual with a diagnosed feeding or eating disorder:
 - (a) Eating behaviors;
 - (b) The need for supervised meals and support interventions;
 - (c) Laboratory results of heart rate, renal or cardiovascular activity, and blood pressure;
 - (d) Recovery environment; and
 - (e) Co-occurring disorders.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (1/1/2027). 2026 Ky. Acts ch. 101, sec. 10, provides that this statute applies to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027.