



UNDERSTANDING CALIFORNIA'S SHARE OF OBESITY TREATMENT COSTS

With the BALANCE model, a new federal Medicaid model, GLP-1s cost \$245 per patient each month. However, California pays approximately half of that amount, around \$122.50 per patient, per month, because Medi-Cal is jointly financed by the state and federal government.

HOW IT WORKS

- Medicaid is jointly funded by states and the federal government.
- California receives a 50% federal match for most covered services in Medi-Cal.
- As a result, the state pays only a portion of eligible Medi-Cal costs.



California pays only its defined portion for obesity treatment, not the full cost.

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THE TAKEAWAY

Obesity should be treated like any other chronic disease. Patients deserve access to evidence-based care, and California doesn't fund that care alone.