



American Medical Women's Association
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SUBJECT: Obesity Care Coverage for EveryBODY

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Dear Colleagues,

Today, we are thrilled to announce our partnership with the new [EveryBODY Covered campaign](#) — the first campaign to empower women to advocate for insurance coverage of comprehensive obesity care.

Visit the campaign website, everybodycovered.org, to learn more about the impact of obesity on women's health across the lifespan, to view our resources and to get involved.

Obesity is a chronic disease that impacts the health and well-being of more than 1 in 3 American women, including 57% of Black women and 44% of Hispanic women. Even though obesity is associated with over 200 other health conditions, less than half of employers currently cover anti-obesity medications, Medicare does not provide coverage for them and just 16 state Medicaid programs cover them.

Along with other leading voices in the health care community, the American Medical Women's Association will be advocating for coverage for obesity care by:

- **Empowering women of diverse backgrounds** to use their voices to share their journeys and advocate for coverage
- **Urging employers, insurers, and elected officials to ensure coverage** for the full range of evidence-based obesity care
- **Advocating for the passage of the Treat and Reduce Obesity Act** to ensure seniors have access to obesity treatments

Recent AMWA initiatives in obesity include:

- A stakeholder roundtable on Women and the Obesity Epidemic (2022)
- A Congressional Briefing, The Heart of It All – Impact of Obesity on Cardiometabolic Health (2023)
- A Stakeholder Summit, Cardiometabolic Health and Obesity in Women (2024)

To learn more about the EveryBODY Covered campaign, please visit everybodycovered.org.

Together, we can break down barriers to comprehensive obesity care, support women's health and build a health care system that prioritizes the well-being of all.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eliza Lo Chin, MD'.

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