

Review of Coverage for GLP-1 Drug Class for Commercial & Medicare Plans

We strive for best-in-class care with the work and support of our provider community. Providers are essential in managing our members' health conditions. With all the publicity and attention around the Glucagon-like Peptide 1 (GLP-1) drug class, it is vital to understand our policies and medical criteria to avoid sending *unnecessary* prior authorization requests to Prime Therapeutics (Florida Blue's Pharmacy Benefits Manager).

What You Need to Know

Florida Blue commercial and Medicare pharmacy coverage for GLP-1 drug class is for **FDA-approved indications only** related to treatment of type 2 diabetes. **Florida Blue does not cover or approve prior authorization requests for *off-label* indications.**

For commercial plans, we recently updated the GLP-1 prior authorization criteria. Please note:

- Providers are now **required to provide clinical documentation of type 2 diabetes diagnosis** when submitting a request for approval.
- Providers **must submit documentation to indicate that a patient has tried and failed metformin, other metformin combination drugs, or insulin to demonstrate medical necessity for GLP-1 approval.**
- If a patient is **not a type 2 diabetic or does not have the clinical documentation necessary** to support your request, the authorization request will be denied.

We recently notified some commercial and Medicare plan members they will no longer be covered for GLP-1 drugs, starting on January 1, 2024, as they no longer meet the policy guidelines. **Important: If a patient reaches out to you to submit another GLP-1 prior authorization request, please make sure you have the necessary clinical documentation from the patients' medical record(s) to submit with the Prior Authorization, otherwise, this request will be denied.**

Additionally, medications used for weight loss/management are excluded from coverage under Medicare federal regulations and Florida Blue's health insurance plans. **Requesting an authorization for drugs like Wegovy, Saxenda, or other medications for weight loss/management will result in denial.**

What We Are Asking of You

Be sure to consider the information above when assessing a diabetic patients' treatment needs. **Only submit prior authorization requests for GLP-1 drugs when the criteria are met.** You can find our GLP-1 prior authorization criteria questions at myPrime.com before submitting your request to CoverMyMeds.

If you believe a GLP-1 medication is appropriate for a patient to address weight loss/management, **please do not submit a request to Prime Therapeutics to review.** Be sure to let the patient know the GLP-1 drugs will not be covered, and it will have to be paid for out of pocket. **Submitting a GLP-1 request for weight loss/management to Prime Therapeutics will result in a denial. Avoiding these submissions will help prevent unnecessary administrative burdens to providers, their staff, and Prime Therapeutics.**

What Florida Blue Covers for GLP-1 Drug Class

For commercial plans, you can reference our provider website under Medical & Pharmacy Policies and Guidelines. Click on [Pharmacy Utilization Management](#) and in the Prior Authorization section, [Prior Authorization Information and Authorization Forms](#).

Listed below are the preferred GLP-1 drugs covered by Florida Blue for **type 2 diabetes with clinical documentation for a diabetes diagnosis.**

- Mounjaro
- Ozempic
- Rybelsus
- Trulicity
- Victoza

For Medicare, please reference the following information:

[Prior Authorization \(myPrime.com\)](#)

Member Wellness Information and Other Programs

Florida Blue offers its members a variety of [wellness programs](#) for no extra cost at local Florida Blue Centers and online. Programs include **nutrition, weight management, exercise, cholesterol, diabetes, heart health, stress management, and more.** Please be sure to remind Florida Blue patients of these valuable offerings.