

Glucagon-like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) Agonist for Diabetes
Liraglutide
Mounjaro (tirzepatide)
Ozempic (semaglutide)
Rybelsus (semaglutide)
Trulicity (dulaglutide)
Effective 05/01/2025

Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> MassHealth UPPL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange	Program Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization
Benefit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit		<input type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
Specialty Limitations	N/A		
Contact Information	Medical and Specialty Medications		
	All Plans	Phone: 877-519-1908	Fax: 855-540-3693
Contact Information	Non-Specialty Medications		
	All Plans	Phone: 800-711-4555	Fax: 844-403-1029
Exceptions	N/A		

Overview

Prescriptions that meet the initial step therapy requirements will adjudicate automatically at the point of sale. If the prescription does not meet the initial step therapy requirements, the prescription will deny with a message indicating that prior authorization (PA) is required. Refer to the criteria below and submit a PA request for the members who do not meet the initial step therapy requirements at the point of sale.

Coverage Guidelines

Trulicity, Ozempic, Liraglutide, Rybelsus, Mounjaro

Authorization may be granted for members new to the plan within the past 90 days who are currently receiving treatment, excluding when the product is obtained as samples or via manufacturer's patient assistance programs

OR

Authorization may be granted when the following criteria are met:

1. A diagnosis of type 2 diabetes mellitus*

Note: Members with a claim history of any medication (excluding insulin and the same GLP1) for the treatment of Type 2 Diabetes mellitus will bypass PA

Continuation of Therapy

Requests for reauthorization will be approved when the following criteria are met:

1. Prescriber attestation of continuation of therapy and positive response to therapy for the treatment of type 2 diabetes mellitus

Limitations

1. Approvals will be granted for 24 months.
2. Coverage for use of GLP-1 agonists indicated for the treatment of type 2 diabetes in combination with GLP-1 agonists indicated for the treatment of weight loss will not be authorized.
3. Members are restricted from filling more than one GLP-1 or more than one GLP-1 strength at the same time.
4. The following quantity limits apply:

Drug Name	Quantity Limit
Trulicity	4 pens per 28 days
Ozempic	2 pens per 28 days
Mounjaro	4 pens per 28 days
Liraglutide	3 pens per 28 days
Rybelsus	30 tablets per 30 days

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Review History

06/26/2017 – Reviewed



03/18/2020 - Reviewed.

06/22/2022 – Created and Reviewed for June P&T. Effective 10/1/2022

09/21/2022 – Reviewed and Updated for Sept P&T; Added new drug Mounjaro to criteria and to limitations. Effective 1/1/2023

06/12/2024 – Reviewed and updated for June P&T; Clarify that the same GLP1 does not bypass PA but claims history of other GLP1 agents will bypass PA

09/11/2024 – Reviewed and updated for September P&T. Added liraglutide to the policy. Effective 11/1/2024.

02/08/2025 – Reviewed and updated for February P&T. Removed Victoza from the policy due to availability of reference generic. Administrative update – added statement to the “Limitations” section to indicate that members are not able to fill multiple GLP1s or multiple GLP1 strengths at the same time. Additionally use of a GLP1 approved for weight loss in combination with a GLP1 used for the treatment of type 2 diabetes will not be authorized. Effective 05/01/2025.

