

# Novel Medications for Diabetic Kidney Disease

SGLT2i's & GLP-1 RA's



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# GLP-1 Receptor Agonists Dosing Information

## GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

Medication	Dosing	Initial Dose	Titration	Needles Included	Renal Dosing		
Exenatide (Byetta)	SQ 2x daily	Multi-dose pen (5-10 mcg BID AC)	Every 4 weeks	NO RX needed	✓ CrCl > 50: No adjustment needed	! CrCl 30-50: Adjustment needed	✗ CrCl < 30: Do not use
Dulaglutide (Trulicity)	SQ weekly	Single-dose pen (0.75-4.5mg QW)	Every 4 weeks	YES auto-injector with retracting needle	✓	No adjustment needed	
Exenatide (BCise)	SQ weekly	BCise single-dose auto-injector (2mg)	None	YES auto-injector with retracting needle	✓ CrCl > 50: No adjustment needed	! CrCl 30-50: Adjustment needed	✗ CrCl < 30: Do not use
Liraglutide (Victoza)	SQ daily	Multi-dose pen (0.6-1.8 mg QD)	Every week	NO RX needed (31G or 32G pen needle)	✓	No adjustment needed	
Lixisenatide (Adlyxin)	SQ daily	Multi-dose pen (10 or 20 mcg QD AC)	Every 2 weeks	NO RX needed	✓ CrCl ≥ 30: No adjustment needed	! CrCl 15-29: Adjustment needed	✗ CrCl < 15: Do not use
Semaglutide (Ozempic)	SQ weekly	Multi-dose pen (0.25/0.5 and 1mg QW)	Every 4 weeks	YES included with pen	✓	No adjustment needed	
Semaglutide (Rybelsus)	PO daily	3/7/14mg tab QD AC	Every 4 weeks	N/A	✓	No adjustment needed	



Look it up every time!



## GLP-1 Receptor Agonists Precautions (Numbered in order from high to low frequency)



### Gastrointestinal Symptoms

(nausea, vomiting,  
diarrhea>constipation,  
abdominal pain, etc.)

#### Dose-dependent

May be worse in patients with  
gastroparesis or GERD

Often improves with time



### Hypoglycemia

**Typically only occurs when used  
with insulin or sulfonylurea  
therapy**

In patients already achieving target  
HbA1c, preemptively lower insulin /  
sulfonylurea dose



### Injection Site Reactions

Typically mild



### Acute kidney injury

**Attributed to pre-renal factors from  
GI side effects in patients with AKI  
risk factors**

Rare instances of allergic interstitial  
nephritis have also been reported



### Pancreatitis

**Inconsistent finding in clinical  
studies**

Consider avoiding in patients  
with risk factors for OR history  
of pancreatitis



### Contraindications

#### Contraindicated in patients with:

- Personal or family hx of medullary thyroid cancer or multiple endocrine neoplasia type 2 (based on findings from animal studies, not observed in clinical trials)
- Pregnancy or breastfeeding
- Allergy to GLP-1 RAs

Severity of Precaution:



Low



Moderate



Severe [Severe side effects are rare]



## SGLT2 Inhibitors

### Precautions (Numbered in order from high to low frequency)

#### Severity of Precaution:

- Low
- Moderate
- Severe

<sup>1</sup>canagliflozin  
<sup>2</sup>dapagliflozin  
TDD = total daily dose;  
SU – sulfonylurea;  
<sup>a</sup>Heyward, 2020  
<sup>b</sup>Dicembrini, 2019  
<sup>c</sup>Qiu, 2021

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**Genital Mycotic Infections**

**Avoid if high risk, severe hx**

- Treat severe hyperglycemia first, then start SGLT2
- Treat if mild, stop if recurrent

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**Low Blood Sugar**

**If HbA1c < 8.5%**

- reduce TDD insulin 20%
- reduce SU 50% or hold

**If HbA1c > 8.5%**  
adjust as needed

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**Low Blood Pressure**

Consider holding diuretic and other anti-HTN med **if BP well controlled or age > 65**

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**Risk of Dehydration**

**Treat severe hyperglycemia prior to starting SGLT2i**  
Drink water!

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**Diabetic Ketoacidosis**  
**Euglycemic Ketoacidosis**

**Avoid use with ketogenic (<50g carbs/day) diet**  
Hold for sick days, dehydration or with fasting such as pre-procedures (i.e. colonoscopy or surgery).

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**Low Renal Function**  
eGFR<45

**Closely monitor GFR**  
**Early fall in eGFR is expected (less than 10%)**  
Hold SGLT2i on sick days  
Hold SGLT2i 24-48H preop

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**Necrotizing Fasciitis of Perineum**

**Anticipatory guidance**  
Monitor closely

**Bladder Cancer<sup>2,b</sup>**  
Screen for high risk or history of bladder cancer

**Bone fracture<sup>1,c</sup>**  
Screen for fall risk.  
Manage low blood pressure

**Lower Limb / Toe Amputation<sup>1,a,c</sup>**  
Avoid in prior amputation, severe PVD or high risk.  
Monitor foot health

These risks have been reported in some clinical trials. Recent meta-analyses show no statistically significant risk. Use caution.







## Change Log

Payer	Drug/Device	Change
<b>United</b>	<b>Jardiance</b> (Empagliflozin)	Removed metformin step therapy requirement. As of Oct 10, 2022.
<b>BCBSM Medicare Advantage</b>	<b>Jardiance</b> (Empagliflozin)	FIXED: Jardiance is Preferred (Tier 3 - lowest branded copay). As of Oct 1, 2022.
<b>BCBSM</b>	<b>Mounjaro</b> (tirzepatide)	Changed from "No Info" to Non Preferred, PA="For the treatment of Type 2 Diabetes or trial of one generic or preferred medication for the treatment of Type 2 Diabetes"
<b>Priority Health Optimized</b>	<b>Mounjaro</b> (tirzepatide)	Changed from "No Info" to Preferred Tier 2 (brand) with prior authorization. Please review the plan's PA criteria, as it is more stringent than Priority Health Traditional commercial plan.
<b>HAP</b>	<b>Mounjaro</b> (tirzepatide)	Mounjaro is now covered
<b>United</b>	<b>Mounjaro</b> (tirzepatide)	Mounjaro is now covered, with PA/ST trial of, or CI metformin
<b>United</b>	<b>Farxiga</b> (dapagliflozin)  <b>Invokana</b> (canagliflozin)	Changed from "Non Preferred with ST " to "May be excluded from coverage or subject to PA in CT, NJ and NY."
<b>All</b>	<b>Adlyxin</b> (Lixisenatide)	Adlyxin is no longer covered in the United States
<b>Aetna</b>	<b>Phentermine</b>	Phentermine is no longer covered
<b>Express Scripts</b>	<b>Phentermine</b>	Phentermine is no longer covered
<b>HAP</b>	<b>Qsymia</b> (Phentermine - Topiramate)	Changed from "Not Covered" to Not Preferred (\$\$\$\$) with PA

# PRIVATE & PBM Coverage for GLP-1 RA & GIP

USE CO-PAY COUPON

	RECOMMENDED					
	 <b>TRULICITY</b> Dulaglutide <i>Injectable - Weekly</i>	 <b>OZEMPIC</b> Semaglutide <i>Injectable - Weekly</i>	 <b>RYBELSUS</b> Semaglutide <i>Oral - Daily</i>	 <b>VICTOZA</b> Liraglutide <i>Injectable - Daily</i>	 <b>MOUNJARO</b> Tirzepatide <i>Injectable - Weekly</i>	 <b>BYDUREON BCISE</b> Exenatide <i>Injectable - Weekly</i>
AETNA	Preferred <b>PA</b>	Preferred <b>PA</b>	Preferred <b>PA</b>	Preferred <b>PA</b>	No Info	Not Covered
BCBSM	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Not Covered	<b>PA</b> Non Preferred T2D OR trial of generic or preferred med for T2D	Not Covered
EXPRESS SCRIPTS National Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Not Covered	Preferred	Preferred
HAP	Preferred <b>ST</b> Trial or CI Metformin	Preferred <b>ST</b> Trial or CI Metformin	Preferred <b>ST</b> Trial or CI Metformin	Preferred <b>ST</b> Trial or CI Metformin	Preferred <b>ST</b> Trial or CI Metformin	Not Covered
PRIORITY	Preferred	Preferred Must have T2D diagnosis code	Not Covered	Preferred	<b>PA</b> Preferred If T2D ICD-9 code is not on file	<b>PA</b> Non Preferred <b>ST</b> Must first try Trulicity, Bydureon, or Byetta
PRIORITY (OPTIMIZED)	Preferred <b>PA</b> See PA criteria below	\$\$\$\$\$\$ <b>PA</b> <b>ST</b> Criteria as of Feb '22: <a href="http://michmed.org/3A2Av">michmed.org/3A2Av</a>	Not Covered	\$\$\$\$\$\$ <b>PA</b> <b>ST</b> Criteria as of Feb '22: <a href="http://michmed.org/3A2Av">michmed.org/3A2Av</a>	<b>PA</b> Preferred See PA criteria below	\$\$\$\$\$\$ Specialty <b>PA</b>
UNITED	Preferred <b>PA</b> <b>ST</b> Trial or CI Metformin	Preferred <b>PA</b> <b>ST</b> Trial or CI Metformin	Preferred <b>PA</b> <b>ST</b> Trial or CI Metformin	Preferred <b>PA</b> <b>ST</b> Trial or CI Metformin	Preferred <b>PA</b> <b>ST</b> Trial or CI Metformin	Preferred <b>PA</b> <b>ST</b>

**BYDUREON BCISE** -  
Lacks evidence for renal  
and CVD outcomes.  
Refer to current clinical  
guidelines for more data.

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Prior  
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**ST**  
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and step therapy  
documentation

Priority Optimized--Trulicity and Mounjaro are PREFERRED. For others, must meet criteria:

1. Trial and failure, or intolerance to at least 2 generic oral antidiabetic agents used in combination OR insulin after 3 continuous months of receiving maximal daily doses, in conjunction with diet and exercise, and not achieving adequate glycemic control (must be within the last 6 months).
2. Hemoglobin A1c less than or equal to 9%, but not less than 7%

# PRIVATE & PBM Coverage for SGLT2i

Use COPAY COUPON PROGRAMS

Recommended

	✓ <b>JARDIANCE</b> Empagliflozin Oral - Daily	✓ <b>FARXIGA</b> Dapagliflozin Oral - Daily	✓ <b>INVOKANA</b> Canagliflozin Oral - Daily	✗ <b>STEGLATRO</b> Ertugliflozin Oral - Daily
<b>AETNA</b>	Preferred ST	Preferred ST	Not Covered	Not Covered
<b>BCBSM</b>	Preferred	Preferred	Not Covered	Not Covered
<b>EXPRESS SCRIPTS</b> National Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Not Covered	Preferred
<b>HAP</b>	Preferred	Preferred	Not Covered	Not Covered
<b>PRIORITY</b>	Preferred	Preferred	Non Preferred ST Must first try Farxiga OR Jardiance	Non Preferred ST Must first try Farxiga OR Jardiance
<b>PRIORITY (OPTIMIZED)</b>	Preferred	Preferred	Non Preferred ST Must first try Farxiga OR Jardiance	Non Preferred ST Must first try Farxiga OR Jardiance
<b>UNITED</b>	Preferred	Not Covered May be excluded from coverage or subject to PA in CT, NJ and NY michmed.org/Yk9Yb	Not Covered May be excluded from coverage or subject to PA in CT, NJ and NY michmed.org/Yk9Yb	Not Covered

Lacks evidence for renal and CVD outcomes. Refer to current clinical guidelines for more data.

**ST Step Therapy**

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Information based on general formularies, unless otherwise noted (i.e. Priority Optimized plan, ExpressScripts PBM) and may not reflect employer-group specific policies and plans with pharmacy carve outs.










# MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

## Coverage for GLP-1 RA & GIP

Use **PATIENT  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Recommended

	 <b>TRULICITY</b> Dulaglutide Injectable - Weekly	 <b>OZEMPIC</b> Semaglutide Injectable - Weekly	 <b>RYBELSUS</b> Semaglutide Oral - Daily	 <b>VICTOZA</b> Liraglutide Injectable - Daily	 <b>MOUNJARO</b> Tirzepatide Injectable - Weekly	 <b>BYDUREON BCISE</b> Exenatide Injectable - Weekly
<b>AETNA MA</b>	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	No Info	Preferred
<b>BCBSM/BCN MA</b>	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	No Info	Preferred
<b>HAP MA</b>	Preferred 	Preferred 	Preferred 	Preferred 	No Info	Not Covered
<b>HUMANA MA</b>	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	\$\$\$\$\$\$ Not Preferred
<b>PRIORITY MA</b>	Preferred	\$\$\$\$\$\$ Non Preferred 	Not Covered	\$\$\$\$\$\$ Non Preferred 	Preferred	Preferred
<b>UNITED EGWP</b>	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	No Info	Preferred
<b>WELLCARE MA</b>	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	No Info	Preferred

Lacks evidence for renal and CVD outcomes. Refer to current clinical guidelines for more data.

Note on BCBSM/BCN MA: Individually purchased Prescription Blue PDP does not cover Trulicity. All other BCBS MA plans do, including Group Prescription Blue PDP.







 **Step Therapy**

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# MEDICARE ADVANTAGE Coverage for SGLT2i

Use PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Recommended

	 <b>JARDIANCE</b> Empagliflozin Oral - Daily	 <b>FARXIGA</b> Dapagliflozin Oral - Daily	 <b>INVOKANA</b> Canagliflozin Oral - Daily	 <b>STEGLATRO</b> Ertugliflozin Oral - Daily
<b>AETNA</b> MA	Preferred	Preferred	Not Covered	Not Covered
<b>BCBSM/BCN</b> MA	Preferred	Preferred		Not Covered
<b>HAP</b> MA	Preferred	Preferred	Not Covered	Not Covered
<b>HUMANA</b> MA	Preferred	<div> <div>\$\$\$\$\$</div> <div>Non-Preferred</div> </div>	Preferred	Not Covered
<b>PRIORITY</b> MA	Preferred	Preferred	<div> <div>Non Preferred</div> <div>  Must first try Farxiga, Xigduo, Jardiance or Synjardy </div> </div>	<div> <div>Non Preferred</div> <div>  Must first try Farxiga, Xigduo, Jardiance or Synjardy </div> </div>
<b>UNITED</b> EGWP	Preferred	Preferred	Not Covered	Not Covered
<b>WELLCARE</b> MA	Preferred	Preferred	<div> <div>\$\$\$\$\$</div> <div>Non Preferred</div> </div>	Not Covered

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## MEDICAID COVERAGE for GLP-1 RA & GIP

Recommended

	✓ <b>TRULICITY</b> Dulaglutide <i>Injectable - Weekly</i>	✓ <b>OZEMPIC</b> Semaglutide <i>Injectable - Weekly</i>	✓ <b>RYBELSUS</b> Semaglutide <i>Oral - Daily</i>	✓ <b>VICTOZA</b> Liraglutide <i>Injectable -Daily</i>	✓ <b>MOUNJARO</b> Tirzepatide <i>Injectable - Weekly</i>	✗ <b>BYDUREON BCISE</b> Exenatide <i>Injectable - 2X a day / Weekly</i>
<b>MEDICAID State</b>	Preferred	\$\$\$\$\$\$ Non-Preferred PA michmed.org/2VP94	\$\$\$\$\$\$ Non-Preferred PA michmed.org/2VP94	Preferred	Not Covered	\$\$\$\$\$\$ Non Preferred PA
<b>AETNA BCBSM HAP MCCLAREN MERIDIAN MOLINA PRIORITY UNITED Managed</b>	Preferred	Not Covered <i>Except Aetna Non-preferred PA</i>	Not Covered <i>Except Aetna Non-preferred PA</i>	Preferred	No Info <i>Except Aetna, BCBSM, United Not Covered</i>	Not Covered <i>(Byetta) Not Covered except for Aetna Non Preferred (Bydureon BCise)</i>

Lacks evidence for renal and CVD outcomes. Refer to current clinical guidelines for more data.

Recommended

	✓ <b>JARDIANCE</b> Empagliflozin <i>Oral - Daily</i>	✓ <b>FARXIGA</b> Dapagliflozin <i>Oral - Daily</i>	✓ <b>INVOKANA</b> Canagliflozin <i>Oral - Daily</i>	✗ <b>STEGLATRO</b> Ertugliflozin <i>Oral - Daily</i>
<b>MEDICAID State</b>	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	\$\$\$\$\$\$ Non-Preferred PA
<b>AETNA BCBSM HAP MCCLAREN MERIDIAN MOLINA PRIORITY UNITED Managed</b>	Preferred	Preferred <i>Except HAP Not Covered - PA</i>	Preferred	Not Covered <i>Except Aetna Non-preferred PA</i>

Lacks evidence for renal and CVD outcomes. Refer to current clinical guidelines for more data.

# PRIVATE & PBM COVERAGE for Anti-Obesity Meds

	<b>SAXENDA</b> Liraglutide Injectable - Daily	<b>WEGOVY</b> Semaglutide Injectable - Weekly	<b>PHENTERMINE</b> Generic - High Dose Oral - Daily w/ Meals	<b>LOMAIRA</b> Phentermine 8 Low Dose Oral - Daily w/ Meals	<b>QSYMIA</b> Phentermine - Topiramate Oral - Daily	<b>CONTRACE</b> Naltrexone HCl - Bupropion HC Oral - 2x Day
<b>AETNA</b>	Preferred PA	Preferred PA	Not Covered	Not Covered	Preferred	Not Covered
<b>BCBSM</b>	Non-Preferred PA	Preferred PA	Preferred	Non-Preferred	Non-Preferred PA	Non-Preferred PA
<b>EXPRESS SCRIPTS</b> National Preferred	Non-Preferred PA	Preferred PA	Not Covered	Preferred	Non-Preferred PA	Non-Preferred PA
<b>HAP</b>	Not Covered	Not Covered	Preferred	Not Covered	Non-Preferred PA	Not Covered
<b>PRIORITY</b>	Not Covered	Not Covered	Preferred	Non-Preferred ST Must try generic first	Non-Preferred** ST Must try generic first	Non-Preferred ST Must try generic first
<b>PRIORITY (OPTIMIZED)</b>	Not Covered	Not Covered	Preferred	Not Covered	Non-Preferred ST Must try generic first	Non-Preferred ST Must try generic first
<b>UNITED</b>	Not Covered	Not Covered	Not Covered May be excluded from coverage or subject to PA in CT, NJ and NY	Not Covered May be excluded from coverage or subject to PA in CT, NJ and NY	Not Covered	Not Covered May be excluded from coverage or subject to PA in CT, NJ and NY

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Prior  
Auth

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Step  
Therapy

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\*\*Priority coverage for Qsymia determined by: "Employers plan rider determines weight loss coverage"

## MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

Coverage for  
Anti-Obesity  
Meds

No plans (at this time) offer coverage for: phentermine (any formulation), Qsymia, Contrave, Saxenda, or Wegovy

## MEDICAID

Coverage for  
Anti-Obesity  
Meds

	PHENTERMINE	LOMAIRA	QSYMIA	CONTRAVE	SAXENDA	WEGOVY
	Generic - High Dose <i>Oral - Daily w/ Meals</i>	Phentermine 8 Low Dose <i>Oral - Daily w/ Meals</i>	Phentermine - Topiramate <i>Oral - Daily</i>	Naltrexone HCl - Bupropion HC <i>Oral - 2x Day</i>	Liraglutide <i>Injectable - Daily</i>	Semaglutide <i>Injectable - Weekly</i>
<b>MEDICAID State</b>	Preferred <b>PA</b> <i>Age Criteria</i>	Preferred <b>PA</b> <i>Age Criteria</i>	Preferred <b>PA</b> <i>Age Criteria</i>	Preferred <b>PA</b> <i>Age Criteria</i>	Preferred <b>PA</b> <i>Age Criteria</i>	Preferred <b>PA</b> <i>Age Criteria</i>
<b>AETNA BCBSM HAP MCCLAREN MERIDIAN MOLINA PRIORITY UNITED Managed</b>	Preferred <i>Except Priority Not Covered</i> <b>PA</b> <i>Age Criteria</i>	Preferred <i>Except McClaren Not Covered</i> <b>PA</b>	Preferred <b>PA</b> <i>Age Criteria</i>	Preferred <b>PA</b> <i>Age Criteria</i>	Preferred <b>PA</b> <i>Age Criteria</i>	Preferred <b>PA</b> <i>Age Criteria</i>

**PA**

**Prior  
Auth**

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**Step  
Therapy**

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prior auth and step  
therapy documentation

# CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITORS (CGM) COVERAGE

COVERAGE		CRITERIA - DOCUMENT IN CHART NOTE				
PHARMACY	MEDICAL/DME	Needs T2D Diagnosis	Insulin	Hypoglycemic events	Seen for diabetes management in past 6 months	Additional criteria and notes
<b>Medicare &amp; Medicare Advantage</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b> <i>Needs 3+ daily insulin injections or pump. Requires frequent adjustment to the insulin treatment regimen based on glucose results (either finger stick or CGM readings)</i>	<b>Not Required</b>	<b>YES</b> In-person appointment 6 months prior to ordering CGM AND 6 months after	Try ePrescribing platform Parachute Health for Medicare DME ordering  Device must have standalone reader (not just smartphone app) to qualify for DME
	<b>NONE</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	
	<b>PA</b> Determined on a case by case basis					
<b>Blue Cross Complete</b> (BCBSM managed Medicaid)	Preferred Brand(s) <b>Abbott Dexcom</b>  Policy Link: <a href="http://michmed.org/PJGPA">michmed.org/PJGPA</a>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>  OR  Treatment with an antihyperglycemic drug without insulin  <b>AND one criteria on right</b>	<b>Required, ONLY IF not on insulin</b>  Frequent hypoglycemia, hypoglycemia unawareness, or concerns of nocturnal hypoglycemia  <b>OR ONE of the criteria listed (see right)</b>	<b>Not Required</b>	<b>IF NOT on insulin, NOT experiencing hypoglycemia, must meet one (1):</b>  a.) Gaining weight (more than 5 pounds of weight gain in the last 12 months) b.) HbA1C ≥ 7% c.) Need for medication changes or titration d.) Initiation of a lower carbohydrate diet e.) Patient is unable or reluctant to test their blood glucose via traditional glucometer f.) Patients taking two or more medications to manage their diabetes. g.) Patient works with a care team member to improve diet and exercise choices

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COVERAGE		CRITERIA - DOCUMENT IN CHART NOTE				
PHARMACY	MEDICAL/DME	Needs T2D Diagnosis	Insulin	Hypoglycemic events	Seen for diabetes management in past 6 months	Additional criteria and notes
NONE	<div>Preferred Brand(s) <b>Dexcom</b></div> <div>Policy Link: <a href="https://michmed.org/3xAqb">https://michmed.org/3xAqb</a></div>	Required	<b>Required</b> <i>Needs 3+ daily insulin injections or pump</i>	<b>Required</b> Including hypoglycemic unawareness OR not meeting glycemic targets	<b>Not Required</b> But may be required for continued use (see right)	<b>For continued use, must document EITHER</b>  a.) Experiencing improved glycemic control or decreased hypoglycemia episodes while using a CGM b.) Are being assessed every six months by the prescriber for adherence to their CGM regimen and diabetes treatment plan.
<div>Preferred Brand(s) <b>Dexcom</b> <i>receiver &amp; transmitter at \$0 cost share</i></div> <div><b>Abbott</b></div> <div><i>Have a pharmacy carveout? Refer to your carveout plan company's coverage criteria.</i></div>	See Criteria (right)	Required	<b>Required</b> <i>Needs 3+ daily insulin injections or pump and not meeting glycemic targets</i>	<b>Required</b> <i>Have recurrent, unexplained, severe hypoglycemia (generally blood glucose levels &lt;50 mg/dL) or impaired awareness of hypoglycemia that puts the patient or others at risk</i>	UNKNOWN	<b>For pregnant patients:</b> <i>Have poorly controlled insulin requiring diabetes, includes unexplained hypoglycemic episodes, hypoglycemic unawareness, suspected postprandial hyperglycemia, and recurrent diabetic ketoacidosis.</i>
<div>Preferred Brand(s) <b>Dexcom</b> <b>Abbott</b> <b>Freestyle Libre</b></div> <div><i>\$0 copay if through Pharmacy Advantage or patient's pharmacy</i></div>	NONE	Required	<b>Required</b> <i>Must be treated with insulin OR Treated with 3+ non-insulin products AND has uncontrolled HgBA1c</i>	<b>Not Required</b>	<b>Not Required</b>	<b>Use PREFERRED VENDOR</b> <i>Pharmacy Advantage (800) 456-2112, M-F, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. <a href="https://www.pharmacyadvantagerx.com/index.cfm">https://www.pharmacyadvantagerx.com/index.cfm</a></i>
<div>Preferred Brand(s) <b>Dexcom</b></div> <div><b>PA</b></div>		UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	

## CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITORS (CGM) COVERAGE

COVERAGE		CRITERIA - DOCUMENT IN CHART NOTE				
PHARMACY	MEDICAL/DME	Needs T2D Diagnosis	Insulin	Hypoglycemic events	Seen for diabetes management in past 6 months	Additional criteria and notes
Molina	Preferred Brand(s) <b>Abbott Dexcom</b>	Preferred Brand(s) <b>Abbott Dexcom</b>  Policy Link: <a href="https://michmed.org/gRWVY">https://michmed.org/gRWVY</a>  <b>PA</b>	<b>Required</b> OR Documentation member is pregnant receiving insulin therapy	<b>1.) ONE of the following (a-g) PLUS Additional criteria (2-3)</b>  a.) Compliant with 3x injections or pump b.) HbA1c above 7% and 4x daily readings	c.) Persistent, recurrent unexplained severe hypoglycemic events d.) Hypoglycemia unawareness e.) Episodes of ketoacidosis f.) Hospitalizations for uncontrolled glucose levels g.) Frequent nocturnal hypoglycemia despite appropriate modifications in insulin therapy	<b>Not Required</b>  2.) Prescriber attests to scheduled or historical (last 12 mon) completion of training and support for CGM <b>AND</b> member/caregiver has ability to perform self-monitoring of blood glucose in order to calibrate the monitor if needed and/or verify readings if discordant from their symptoms. 3.) Prescriber attests member/caregiver has been counseled on potential drugs/substances that can falsely raise or lower CGM glucose levels such as APAP, ASA, vitamin C etc.
	Preferred Brand(s) <b>Dexcom Abbott</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Not Required</b>	<b>Not Required</b>	<b>Not Required</b>
Priority Traditional & Optimized	<b>MCT2D members</b> who are UHC in-network providers <b>CAN BYPASS CRITERIA.</b>  Only T2D diagnosis required	Preferred Brand(s) <b>Abbott Dexcom</b>  Policy Link: <a href="https://michmed.org/nmxYW">https://michmed.org/nmxYW</a>  <b>PA</b>	<b>Required</b>  <b>AND</b>  <b>4x daily testing*</b>  *For non-MCT2D members	<b>Required*</b> 3x daily injections or pump  <b>AND</b> Frequent adjustments to treatment regimen necessary based on glucose testing results	<b>Not Required</b>	<b>Assessed by a provider every six months for adherence to the prescribed CGM regimen and treatment plan</b>  <b>ALSO REQUIRED</b> Documented compliance to physician-directed comprehensive diabetes management program.  See Medical Policy for more info.
	Preferred Brand(s) <b>Abbott Dexcom</b> (Tier 3 - Highest Cost)  <b>PA</b>					
United						



# COVERAGE GUIDE APPENDIX

## 2023 FORMULARY, STEP THERAPY & PRIOR AUTHORIZATION, AND DME POLICY LINKS & PROVIDER PHONE LINES

PAYOR	2023 FORMULARY URL	ST/PA GUIDELINES URL	DME POLICY URL	PROVIDE ASSISTANCE PHONE
<b>Medicare</b>	See MA plans	See MA plans	<a href="https://michmed.org/dJ8z3">michmed.org/dJ8z3</a>	800-633-4227
<b>Medicaid</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/N2wn8">michmed.org/N2wn8</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/2VP94">michmed.org/2VP94</a>	n/a	800-292-2550
<b>Blue Cross Complete</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/xNX5W">michmed.org/xNX5W</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/PJGPA">michmed.org/PJGPA</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/xNX5W">michmed.org/xNX5W</a>	See region specific #
<b>Molina</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/vJ4rz">michmed.org/vJ4rz</a>	n/a	<a href="https://michmed.org/gRWVY">michmed.org/gRWVY</a>	855-326-5059
<b>MA: Aetna</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/8NQrk">michmed.org/8NQrk</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/KqrMw">michmed.org/KqrMw</a>	See Medicare/CMS policy listed above	800-624-0756
<b>MA: BCBSM</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/DymRY">michmed.org/DymRY</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/yqVYZ">michmed.org/yqVYZ</a>	See Medicare/CMS policy listed above	800-344-8525
<b>MA: HAP</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/WAZqQ">michmed.org/WAZqQ</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/vJV3A">michmed.org/vJV3A</a>	See Medicare/CMS policy listed above	800-292-2550
<b>MA: Humana</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/kQ894">michmed.org/kQ894</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/kQkYr">michmed.org/kQkYr</a>	See Medicare/CMS policy listed above	800-523-0023
<b>MA: Priority</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/7NVGN">michmed.org/7NVGN</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/MMxnk">michmed.org/MMxnk</a>	See Medicare/CMS policy listed above	800-942-4765
<b>MA: United</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/YkDR3">michmed.org/YkDR3</a>	n/a	See Medicare/CMS policy listed above	800-711-4555
<b>MA: Wellcare</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/gRWDV">michmed.org/gRWDV</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/8NRev">michmed.org/8NRev</a>	See Medicare/CMS policy listed above	855-538-0454
<b>Aetna</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/97Ay9">michmed.org/97Ay9</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/KqrMw">michmed.org/KqrMw</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/3xAqb">michmed.org/3xAqb</a>	PA 800-414-2386
<b>BCBSM</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/nmxVD">michmed.org/nmxVD</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/zRQZB">michmed.org/zRQZB</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/w8nMW">michmed.org/w8nMW</a>	800-344-8525
<b>Express Scripts</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/Dyq2x">michmed.org/Dyq2x</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/3xAey">michmed.org/3xAey</a>	n/a	888-327-9791
<b>HAP</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/qdV9P">michmed.org/qdV9P</a>	PA: <a href="https://michmed.org/vJV3A">michmed.org/vJV3A</a> ST: <a href="https://michmed.org/2VPGZ">michmed.org/2VPGZ</a>	n/a	888-427-6464
<b>McLaren</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/QRr9A">michmed.org/QRr9A</a>	n/a	n/a	888-327-0671
<b>Priority Traditional</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/yq299">michmed.org/yq299</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/jm85Q">michmed.org/jm85Q</a>	n/a	800-942-4765
<b>Priority Optimized</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/BA4Kb">michmed.org/BA4Kb</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/jm85Q">michmed.org/jm85Q</a>	n/a	800-942-4765
<b>United</b>	<a href="https://michmed.org/7NJrY">michmed.org/7NJrY</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/Yk9Yb">michmed.org/Yk9Yb</a> ST Mounjaro: <a href="https://michmed.org/gR89j">michmed.org/gR89j</a>	<a href="https://michmed.org/nmxYW">michmed.org/nmxYW</a>	800-711-4555



## What is STEP THERAPY?

When an insurance company requires a patient to try a cheaper alternative drug class before “stepping up” to a more expensive medication. In this case, most step therapy requirements are related to a trial of metformin.



## What is PRIOR AUTHORIZATION?

The need to receive approval from a patient's insurance company based on a justification letter from the prescriber as to prior drugs tried and/or specific patient history information that make a drug in the class a more preferred drug than others prior to the prescription being approved.

## What are QUANTITY LIMITS?

When an insurance company limits how much of a medication can be prescribed (e.g. 3ML per 30 days) or the amount of supply that can be prescribed at one time (e.g. 30-day vs 90-day supply).

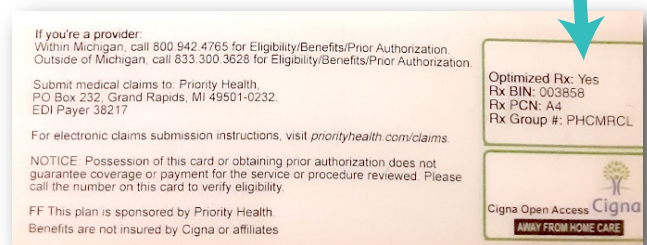
## Pharmacy Carve Outs

These are the general coverage policies of each insurer, however, many insurers allow for pharmacy carve-outs, where pharmacy coverage is provided by a pharmacy benefits manager, and may not reflect the same formulary presented here. For example:

### Priority Health “Optimized RX”

Optimized Rx is the formulary for all Priority Health small groups and is available as a rider for large groups.

Don't know if you have Optimized RX? Look on the back of your membership card. If it's Optimized, it will say “Optimized Rx: Yes.”



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# SGLT2i & GLP-1 RA PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR MEDICARE PART D



## BYDUREON BCISE & BYETTA EXENATIDE XR

AstraZeneca



**AZ & ME PRESCRIPTION SAVINGS PROGRAM**  
1-800-292-6363

[azandmeapp.com](http://azandmeapp.com)

Print Application: [michmed.org/mVDX2](http://michmed.org/mVDX2)

Annual  
Household  
Income  
Guidelines<sup>1</sup>



Under about \$40K

Under about \$54K



MBI number on front  
of Medicare card is  
required

How is  
income  
verified?

"Soft" credit  
inquiry occurs  
via Date of  
Birth

Individual can  
MAIL or  
Doctor's Office  
can FAX to  
800-961-8323

## FARXIGA DAPAGLIFLOZIN

AstraZeneca



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## INVOKANA CANAGLIFLOZIN

Janssen



**JOHNSON & JOHNSON PATIENT ASSISTANCE  
FOUNDATION, INC.**  
1-800-652-6227

[jjpaf.org](http://jjpaf.org)

Print Application: [michmed.org/JyD9P](http://michmed.org/JyD9P)

Annual  
Household  
Income  
Guidelines<sup>1</sup>



Under about \$58K

Under about \$78K



Must spend 4% or  
more of gross  
income on Rx drugs

How is  
income  
verified?

Credit report  
or copy of  
1040 tax  
return

MAIL or FAX to  
888-526-5168

## JARDIANCE EMPAGLIFLOZIN

Boehringer Ingelheim & Eli Lilly



**BI CARES PATIENT ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM**  
1-800-556-8317

[boehringer-ingelheim.us/our-responsibility/patient-assistance-program](http://boehringer-ingelheim.us/our-responsibility/patient-assistance-program)

Print Application: [michmed.org/GzQ3K](http://michmed.org/GzQ3K)

Annual  
Household  
Income  
Guidelines<sup>1</sup>



Under about \$32K

Under about \$44K



**PLUS** certain assets like  
retirement and second  
home

How is  
income  
verified?

Automatically  
using  
Experian,  
must provide  
last 4 digits of  
SSN

Fax  
completed  
form to  
866-851-2827



# SGLT2i & GLP-1 RA PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR MEDICARE PART D



**OZEMPIC & RYBELSUS**

**SEMAGLUTIDE**

**VICTOZA**

**LIRAGLUTIDE**

NovoNordisk



NovoCare<sup>®</sup>  
Patient Affordability and Access Support

**NOVO NORDISK PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
1-866-310-7549

[novocare.com/diabetes-overview/let-us-help/pap.html](http://novocare.com/diabetes-overview/let-us-help/pap.html)

Print Application: [michmed.org/7VK4d](http://michmed.org/7VK4d)

Annual  
Household  
Income  
Guidelines<sup>1</sup>



Under about \$54K



Under about \$73K

**How is  
income  
verified?**

Must provide copy  
of document like;  
paystubs, 1040,  
W-2, or SSI,  
pension

**Doctor's Office  
must MAIL or  
FAX  
866-441-4190**

**TRULICITY**

**DULAGLUTIDE**

Eli Lilly

Lilly Cares<sup>®</sup>  
Foundation

**LILLY CARES FOUNDATION PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
1-800-545-6962

[lillycares.com](http://lillycares.com)

Print Application: [michmed.org/vVQWx](http://michmed.org/vVQWx)

Annual  
Household  
Income  
Guidelines<sup>1</sup>



Under about \$54K



Under about \$73K

**How is  
income  
verified?**

Lilly Cares may  
contact you to  
request income  
documentation.

**ONLINE, MAIL  
or FAX to  
844-431-6650**

**MOUNJARO**

**TIRZEPATIDE**

NO PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PER MOUNJARO.COM

**STEGLATRO**

**ERTUGLIFLOZIN**

Merck

STEGLATRO IS NOT A MERCK PRODUCT THAT SUPPORTS PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

[1] Income guidelines are estimates. For personalized referrals based on your income, insurance provider, and other factors, try [mat.org](http://mat.org) or or contact manufacturer program directly.



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# MEDICATION COPAY SAVINGS CARDS

For Private/Commercial Insurance ONLY



## Getting Started

Find the medication you have been prescribed in the list below. Go to the listed manufacturer's website where you will be asked to fill out a simple form that checks your eligibility and may require an email address in order to send the electronic copay coupon. Copay savings programs do not have income specifications. Instead, there are maximum copay savings caps, which may impact those with high deductibles.

Patients with Medicare, Medicaid, or VA/Tricare coverage are NOT eligible to use these programs.

**Medicare Part D patients may be eligible for free supply via manufacturer Patient Assistance Programs—See our Handout.**

### BYDUREON BCISE EXENATIDE XR

#### BYDUREON BCISE SAVINGS CARD

1-866-680-9081

[bydureon.com/bydureon-bcise/savings-and-support.html](http://bydureon.com/bydureon-bcise/savings-and-support.html)



MONTHLY COPAY  
AS LITTLE AS

**\$0**

#### MAXIMUM SAVINGS

\$150 per month

#### CARD EXPIRATION

Not provided

#### NOTES

Mail-in rebate is available if mail-order pharmacy does not accept Savings Card and your insurance does not cover.

### BYETTA EXENATIDE XR

#### AZ & ME PRESCRIPTION SAVINGS PROGRAM

1-800-292-6363

[azandmeapp.com](http://azandmeapp.com)



MONTHLY COPAY  
AS LITTLE AS

**\$0**

#### CARD EXPIRATION

None provided

#### NOTES

Only available for those with NO prescription coverage

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# MEDICATION COPAY SAVINGS CARDS

For Private/Commercial Insurance ONLY

## **FARXIGA** **DAPAGLIFLOZIN**

### **FARXIGA SAVINGSRX CARD**

1-844-631-3978

[farxiga.com/savings-support](https://farxiga.com/savings-support)



**MONTHLY COPAY**  
**AS LITTLE AS**

**\$0**

#### **MAXIMUM SAVINGS**

Up to \$175 per 30-day supply

#### **CARD EXPIRATION**

None Provided

## **INVOKANA** **CANAGLIFLOZIN**

### **JANSSEN CAREPATH SAVINGS PROGRAM**

1-877-468-6526

[invokana.com/savings-and-cost-support](https://invokana.com/savings-and-cost-support)



**MONTHLY COPAY**  
**AS LITTLE AS**

**\$0**

#### **MAXIMUM SAVINGS**

Up to \$175 per 30-day supply until  
12/2022

#### **CARD EXPIRATION**

End of each calendar year

#### **NOTES**

Included combination products =  
Invokamet (canagliflozin/metformin  
IR) and Invokamet XR  
(canagliflozin/metformin XR).

## **JARDIANCE** **EMPAGLIFLOZIN**

### **JARDIANCE SAVINGS CARD**

1-866-279-8990

[jardiance.com/heart-failure/savings-support](https://jardiance.com/heart-failure/savings-support)



**MONTHLY COPAY**  
**AS LITTLE AS**

**\$10**

#### **MAXIMUM SAVINGS**

Up to \$175 per 30-day supply until  
12/2022

#### **CARD EXPIRATION**

12/31/2023

#### **NOTES**

Included combination products =  
Glyxambi (empagliflozin/lineagliptin)

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to change, check manufacturer  
websites for most up-to-date eligibility.

# MEDICATION COPAY SAVINGS CARDS

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## **MOUNJARO** **TIRZEPATIDE**

**MOUNJARO SAVINGS CARD**  
1-866-255-8661

[mounjaro.com/savings-resources](https://mounjaro.com/savings-resources)



**MONTHLY COPAY**  
*AS LITTLE AS*  
**\$25**

**MAXIMUM SAVINGS**  
\$150 per month

**CARD EXPIRATION**  
12/31/2023

### **NOTES**

For a 1-month (4 pens) or 3-month (12 pens) prescription of Mounjaro

## **OZEMPIC** **SEMAGLUTIDE**

**NOVOCARES OZEMPIC SAVINGS CARD**  
1-877-304-6855

[ozempicsavings.com](https://ozempicsavings.com)



**COPAY PER FILL**  
*AS LITTLE AS*  
**\$25**

**MAXIMUM SAVINGS**  
\$150 per month

**CARD EXPIRATION**  
Good for up to 24 months

### **NOTES**

If RX written for 3-month supply AND insurance coverage for 3-month fill, maximum savings is \$450

## **RYBELSUS** **SEMAGLUTIDE**

**NOVOCARES RYBELSUS SAVINGS AND SUPPORT**  
1-877-304-6855

[rybelsussavings.com](https://rybelsussavings.com)



**COPAY PER FILL**  
*AS LITTLE AS*  
**\$10**

**MAXIMUM SAVINGS**  
\$300 per month

**CARD EXPIRATION**  
Good for up to 24 months

### **NOTES**

Some Prescription Insurance GROUP numbers are no longer eligible. See website listed above for specifics. If RX written for 3 month supply AND insurance coverage for 3 supply, maximum savings is \$900

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# MEDICATION COPAY SAVINGS CARDS

For Private/Commercial Insurance ONLY

## STEGLATRO ERTUGLIFLOZIN

### SAVINGS COUPON FOR STEGLATRO

1-877-264-2454

[steglatro.com/savings-offers](https://steglatro.com/savings-offers)



MONTHLY COPAY  
AS LITTLE AS  
**\$0**

**MAXIMUM SAVINGS**  
\$583 per prescription

**CARD EXPIRATION**  
02/28/2024

#### NOTES

The coupon is valid for use 12 times only. Savings are limited to the amount of your actual out-of-pocket cost, up to a maximum per prescription savings of \$583

## TRULICITY DULAGLUTIDE

### TRULICITY SAVINGS CARD

1-844-878-4636

[trulicity.com/savings-resources](https://trulicity.com/savings-resources)



MONTHLY COPAY  
AS LITTLE AS  
**\$25**

**MAXIMUM SAVINGS**  
\$150 per month

**CARD EXPIRATION**  
02/28/2024

## VICTOZA LIRAGLUTIDE

### NOVOCARES

1-877-304-6855

[victozasavings.com](https://victozasavings.com)

Program discontinued to new enrollees as of April 9, 2021. If you currently have a Victoza® Savings Card, you may continue to take advantage of its benefits until April 30, 2023.



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