# **What's New in this Guide**

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# **Change Log**

Date	Payer	Drug/Device	Change			
10/30/23	Medicaid	Contrave	New info: No longer covered, as of Oct 1, 2023			
10/4/23	HAP Medicare Advantage	Mounjaro	New info: Changed from "No Info" to "Preferred Brand"			
10/4/23	Wellcare Medicare Advantage	Mounjaro	New info: Changed from "No Info" to "Non Formulary"			
10/4/23	United Medicare Advantage	ССВМ	New info: Added "180 day" to insulin claims auto lookback			
10/4/23	Aetna	ССВМ	Coverage expansion: Covered under Pharmacy benefit. Criteria is "unrestricted": Dx of diabetes or clinician recognition of the benefit			
10/4/23	McLaren Medicaid	ССВМ	Fixed: Coverage is DME <i>not</i> Pharmacy. Dexcom removed as Preferred Brand.			
10/4/23	Blue Cross Complete	CGM	Coverage expansion: Dexcom G7 added to list of preferred devices			
10/4/23	BCBSM	Anti- Obesity Meds	Prior authorization criteria have changed (10/1/2023). See document <a href="https://michmed.org/zRQZB">https://michmed.org/zRQZB</a>			



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10/4/23	Medicaid	Byetta Trulicity Victoza	New info: Effective November 1, 2023, PA criteria for preferred GLP-1 RAs has changed:  • Patient has a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes; AND Discontinuation of other GLP-1 agonists				
10/4/23	Medicaid	Bydureon Bcise Mounjaro Ozempic Rybelsus	<ul> <li>New info: Effective November 1, 2023, PA criteria for non- preferred GLP-1 RAs has changed:</li> <li>Discontinuation of other GLP-1 agonists</li> <li>Remove the Ozempic medication-specific PA criteria.</li> <li>Add quantity limits to each agent in accordance with the FDA approved maximum dosing</li> </ul>				
9/5/23	Aetna	Mounjaro	Changed from "Not covered" to "Preferred"				
9/1/23	BCBM/BCN Medicare	GLP-1 RAs	PA criteria for first time GLP-1 RA Rx has changed: Must have T2D diagnosis. Read more here: <a href="https://providerinfo.bcbsm.com/documents/alerts/2023/202308/alert-20230818-9-1-req-prior-auth-some-diabetes-drugs.pdf">https://providerinfo.bcbsm.com/documents/alerts/2023/202308/alert-20230818-9-1-req-prior-auth-some-diabetes-drugs.pdf</a>				
8/31/23	Aetna	phenterm ine	Changed from "Not covered" to "Preferred with PA"				
8/31/23	Express Scripts	phenterm ine	Changed from "Not covered" to "Preferred"				
8/31/23	Blue Cross Complete	ССВМ	FIXED: Added Pharmacy Benefit policy effective 8/1/22, including prefedevices and criteria for non-insulin treated T2D				

# **What's New in this Guide**

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# **Change Log**

Date	Payer	Drug/Device	Change
8/27/23	Aetna Commercial	Preferred GLP-1 and SGLT2	Removed "Prior authorization" not noted in most recent 2023 Formulary
8/27/23	Aetna Commercial	Mounjaro	Changed from "Not Covered" to "Non preferred"
8/10/23	Molina Medicaid	ССВМ	Added CGM pharmacy criteria for Molina-managed Medicaid with criteria for CGM pharmacy benefit coverage
8/10/23	Molina Medicaid	ССВМ	Added CGM pharmacy criteria for Molina-managed Medicaid with criteria for CGM pharmacy benefit coverage
8/10/23	Michigan Medicaid	ССВМ	FIXED: Removed "2x daily insulin" as a requirement, error. <b>Thank you for</b> reporting the error
8/10/23	United Medicare Advanage	ССВМ	Added CGM pharmacy benefit criteria for United-managed MA plans. <b>Thank you for reporting this</b>
8/10/23	All Plans	CGM	Simplified the style of the CGM criteria table to increase clarity on T2D, Insulinand additional criteria requirements for CGM coverage. <b>Thank you for your feedback!</b>

COVERAGE for Anti-Obesity Meds	SAXENDA  Liraglutide Injectable - Daily	WEGOVY Semaglutide Injectable - Weekly	PHENTERMINE  Generic - High Dose  Oral - Daily w/ Meals	Phentermine 8 Low Dose Oral - Daily w/ Meals	QSYMIA  Phentermine - Topiramate Oral - Daily	CONTRAVE  Naltrexone HCI - Bupropion HC  Oral - 2x Day
AETNA	Preferred PA	Preferred PA	Preferred PA	Not Covered	Preferred	Not Covered
BCBSM*	ssssss Non-Preferred PA	ssssss Non-Preferred PA	Preferred	ssssss Non-Preferred	ssssss Non-Preferred PA	ssssss Non-Preferred PA
EXPRESS SCRIPTS National Preferred	SSSSSS Non-Preferred	Preferred PA	Preferred PA	Preferred	Non-Preferred	Non-Preferred
НАР	Not Covered	Not Covered	Preferred	Not Covered	Non-Preferred PA	Not Covered
PRIORITY (TRADITIONAL)	Not Covered	Not Covered	Preferred	Non-Preferred  Must try generic first	ST Must try generic first	Non-Preferred  ST Must try generic first
PRIORITY (OPTIMIZED)	Not Covered	Not Covered	Preferred	Not Covered	Non-Preferred  Must try generic first	Non-Preferred  ST Must try generic first
UNITED	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

Disclaimer: Information based on general formularies, unless otherwise noted and may not reflect employer-group specific policies and plans with pharmacy carve outs.

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



PA Prior Auth

Step Therapy

See last page of guide for links to available prior auth and step therapy documentation



Coverage for Anti-Obesity Meds

# Medicare Advantage plans do not cover anti-obesity medications at this time.

Coverage for Anti-Obesity Meds	PHENTERMINE  Generic - High Dose  Oral - Daily w/ Meals	LOMAIRA  Phentermine 8  Low Dose  Oral - Daily w/ Meals	QSYMIA  Phentermine - Topiramate  Oral - Daily	CONTRAVE  Naltrexone HCl - Bupropion HC  Oral - 2x Day	SAXENDA  Liraglutide Injectable - Daily	WEGOVY  Semaglutide Injectable - Weekly
MEDICAID  State and Managed Plans	Preferred PA	Preferred Except McClaren Not Covered	Not Covered	Not Covered	Preferred PA	Preferred PA

# Michigan Medicaid PDL Magellan RX Prior Auth Criteria: See michmed.org/2VP94

- Patient must have a body mass index [BMI] ≥ than 30 kg/m2; OR
- Patient must have a body mass index [BMI] ≥ than 27 kg/m2 but <30 kg/m2 and at least one of the following risk factors:</li>
  - Hypertension, coronary artery disease, diabetes, dyslipidemia, or sleep apnea; OR
- For Wegovy, pediatric patients must have an initial BMI at the 95th percentile or greater for age and sex (obesity); **AND**
- Patient age ≥12 years (Wegovy, Xenical, Saxenda); OR
- Patient age ≥18 years (benzphetamine, diethylpropion, phentermine, phendimetrazine); AND

- Prescriber attests to patient's absence of any contraindications to use requested product; AND
- Prescriber attests that the patient is not pregnant or lactating; AND
- Prescriber attests that at least one previously documented weight reduction attempt in the past year; AND
- Prescriber attests medication therapy is part of a total treatment plan including a calorie and fat restricted diet and exercise and/or activity regimen, as appropriate for the patient's ability

MDHHS recommends that prescribers consider the benefits of a diabetes prevention program for their patients.

# COVERAGE GUIDE APPENDIX

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

PAYOR	2023 FORMULARY UR	L ST/PA GUIDELINES U	RL CGM DME POLICY URL	PROVIDER PHONE	
Medicare	See MA plans	See MA plans	michmed.org/dJ8z3	800-633-4227	
MA: Aetna	michmed.org/8NQrk	michmed.org/KqrMw	See Medicare/CMS policy listed above	800-624-0756	
MA: BCBSM	michmed.org/DymRY	michmed.org/yqVYZ	See Medicare/CMS policy listed above	800-344-8525	
МА: НАР	michmed.org/WAZqQ	michmed.org/vJV3A	See Medicare/CMS policy listed above	800-292-2550	
MA: Humana	michmed.org/kQ894	michmed.org/kQkYr	See Medicare/CMS policy listed above	800-523-0023	
MA: Priority	michmed.org/7NVGN	michmed.org/MMxnk	See Medicare/CMS policy listed above	800-942-4765	
MA: United	michmed.org/YkDR3	n/a	See Medicare/CMS policy listed above	800-711-4555	
MA: Wellcare	michmed.org/gRWDV	michmed.org/8NRev	See Medicare/CMS policy listed above	855-538-0454	
Aetna	michmed.org/97Ay9	michmed.org/KqrMw Wegovy: michmed.org/QRQMm	michmed.org/3xAqb	PA 800-414-2386	
BCBSM	michmed.org/nmxVD	michmed.org/zRQZB	michmed.org/w8nMW	800-344-8525	
Express Scripts	michmed.org/Dyq2x	michmed.org/3xAey	n/a	888-327-9791	
НАР	michmed.org/qdV9P	PA: michmed.org/vJV3A ST: michmed.org/2VPGZ	n/a	888-427-6464	
<b>Priority</b> Traditional	michmed.org/yq299	michmed.org/jm85Q	michmed.org/dJzPq	800-942-4765	
<b>Priority</b> Opimized	michmed.org/BA4Kb	michmed.org/jm85Q	michmed.org/dJzPq	800-942-4765	
United	michmed.org/7NJrY	SGLT2i: michmed.org/Yk9Yb GLP-1 RA: michmed.org/vJmqe	michmed.org/nmxYW	800-711-4555	
Medicaid	michmed.org/N2wn8	michmed.org/2VP94	michmed.org/Dyeme	800-292-2550	
Blue Cross Complete	michmed.org/xNX5W	michmed.org/xNX5W	michmed.org/PJGPA	See region specific #	
McLaren	michmed.org/QRr9A	n/a	n/a	888-327-0671	
Molina	michmed.org/vJ4rz	n/a	michmed.org/gRWVY	855-326-5059	

### COVERAGE GUIDE APPENDIX

# **Definitions and Disclaimers**

## Deductible

Predetermined amount that must be paid annually before insurance pays for anything.

## Copayment

Set amount paid for a prescription.

### Co-insurance

Amount you pay after your deductible is met. Your insurance pays their portion. Co-insurance only applies to prescriptions and services covered under your health plan.

## **Medication tier**

Levels of insurance medication coverage: You play a smaller amount for a lower tier and a higher amount for a higher tier.

## Out-of-pocket max

Annual limit on what you pay before insurance covers 100% of covered services. Deductibles, copayment, and co-insurance all apply toward your out-of-pocket maximum.

## Prior authorization

Request made by your health care provider to your insurance company for coverage of a medication.

# **Quantity limit**

Limitation on the amount of medication (# of pills, pens, etc) covered for a period of time.

## Step therapy

Medication you must have tried prior to approval of a non-preferred medication, typically prior to trying a more expensive medication.

## **Pharmacy Carve-Out**

Some insurance plans allows for pharmacy carve-outs, where prescription drug coverage is provided by a pharmacy benefits manager (PBM) and may not reflect the same coverage as the medical policy's medication formulary.

Do I have a pharmacy carve-out?

Check your insurance ID card. For example, if you have Priority Health, look for "Optimized RX: Yes" on the back of the card

