

Important Information About Weight Loss GLP-1 Medication Prior Authorizations

We Appreciate Your Patience

Due to a significant increase in requests for GLP-1 medications used for weight loss, combined with recent insurance coverage changes and stricter authorization requirements, we have seen a 40% increase in prior authorization requests (1200 additional requests in July alone). As a result, **prior authorizations are currently taking approximately 8 weeks to complete.**

Our team is working diligently to process all requests as quickly as possible. We understand this delay may be frustrating and appreciate your patience and understanding.

What to Expect

- ✓ Prior authorization requests are processed in the order they are received.
- ✓ Our team works directly with insurance companies to submit all required documentation.
- ✓ Insurance companies determine approval, denial, and coverage requirements.
- ✓ You may receive notices directly from your insurance company or your retail pharmacy before our office receives a final decision.
- ✓ Please allow approximately **8 weeks** for processing.

How Can I Help?

- Verify that your insurance information is current and accurate.
- Check your patient MyChart portal regularly for updates.
- Respond promptly if additional information is requested.
- Review your insurance benefits to understand your coverage for weight loss medications.
- Please limit phone calls and MyChart requests for updates as this may result in duplicate requests and further delay processing.

Which Medications are Weight Loss GLP-1 medications?

- Wegovy® (semaglutide)
- Foundayo® (orforglipron)
- Zepbound® (tirzepatide)
- Saxenda® (liraglutide)

How Will I Be Notified of the Outcome?

Once our office receives a determination from your insurance company, we will update your medical record and notify you if additional information or next steps are needed.

What if Prior Authorization is denied?

If clinically appropriate, your provider may:

- Submit additional documentation
- File an appeal
- Discuss alternative medications or treatment options
- Consider out of pocket payment options (see back of this page)

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Can I pay for the medication myself while I wait or if denied?

You may choose to pay out-of-pocket if insurance coverage is denied or while waiting for prior authorization processing. There are several out-of-pocket options to consider and discuss with your provider. The most commonly utilized programs are listed below, but are subject to change:

Medication	Where to Fill	Cost
Wegovy Tablets 	Any local pharmacy with savings card or NovoCare Pharmacy	\$149/month x first 2 months (1.5mg and 4mg tabs) \$299/month thereafter (9mg and 25mg tabs)
https://www.novocare.com/patient/medicines/wegovy/savings-offer.html		
Wegovy Pens 	Any local pharmacy with savings card or NovoCare Pharmacy	\$199/month x first 2 months (0.25mg + 0.5mg pens) \$349/month thereafter (0.25mg, 0.5mg, 1mg, 1.7mg, 2.4mg pens) \$399/month (HD 7.2mg)
https://www.novocare.com/patient/medicines/wegovy/savings-offer.html		
Zepbound Vials or KwikPen 	LillyDirect Pharmacy or Amazon Pharmacy	\$299 x 1st month (Zepbound 2.5mg vials or KwikPen) \$399 x 2nd month (Zepbound 5mg vials or KwikPen) \$449/month thereafter (Zepbound 7.5mg, 10mg, 12.5mg, 15mg vials or KwikPen)
https://www.lilly.com/lillydirect/zepbound#getstarted		
Foundayo Tablets 	LillyDirect Pharmacy or Amazon Pharmacy	\$149 x 1st month (0.8mg) \$199 x 2nd month (2.5mg) \$299/m thereafter (5.5mg, 9mg, 14.5mg, 17.2mg)
https://www.lilly.com/lillydirect/foundayo		

Thank You for Your Understanding

We recognize that access to weight loss medications is important to your health goals. Our team is committed to helping patients navigate the prior authorization process as efficiently as possible.