



PATHWEIGH

Learning Community

Medication Use and Prior Authorization

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AGENDA

Chat with a Pharmacist - addressing obesity medications and the PA process:

- What can providers do to make it easier to get medications approved
- Good documentation is needed and what are the typical criteria to note to support approval
- Any pitfalls that make it difficult



Weight Loss Drug PA Process

- Typical issues we see:
 - Ozempic and Victoza being ordered instead of Wegovy and Saxenda
 - Lacking updated labs (ie A1C), which may be helpful getting approval
 - Incorrect information about coverage with manufacturer coupons
 - Weight loss drugs are plan exclusion under a lot of plans and are never covered under Medicare Part D and Medicaid
 - ❖ Medicaid there are no options
 - ❖ Medicare – we have seen some plans will cover SGL2s without requiring a PA so this is an option. However the dosing for DM is lower than that for Wegovy and Saxenda.
- Helpful documentation:
 - A1C
 - Any other medical issues that obesity is contributing to
 - Initial weight and updates – some insurances will only re-authorize if patient has lost a certain percentage of weight
 - What has already been tried – diet, exercise, other medications

Weight Loss Drug PA Process

- Payment Assistance/Alternative Options:
 - Most plans cover bupropion, naltrexone and topiramate without requiring a PA
 - Phentermine and the above are all inexpensive with goodrx if needed
 - Daily Topiramate (Trokendi) is not always covered by insurance without a PA and probably wouldn't be covered for weight loss if a PA is required
 - Qsymia, Contrave, Wegovy, Saxenda all have manufacturer savings support
 - Xenical alternative = OTC Alli or can use goodrx

Government paid insurance cannot use manufacturer savings– medicare, Tricare, Medicaid, VA

Contraception Savings and Support

2 WAYS TO SAVE

Buy Online with CONTRAVE
Special Direct Pricing

Pay no more than



\$99
per month*

Sign Up

*If your employer covers CONTRAVE, you may pay less. Subject to **eligibility**.

Buy at Your Local Pharmacy with
the CONTRAVE Savings Coupon
Card

Pay no more than



\$114.99
per month*

Enroll Now

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Qsymia Savings and Support

- Two Options –
 1. Savings Card – if covered by insurance only. Saves \$65 after first \$70
 2. Qsymia Engage – For \$98 get 6 week new patient packs, 6 week titration pack and then all 30-day prescriptions. Must use Medvantx pharmacy

1 Qsymia Engage — for the lowest cash price

2 Savings Card — for use at retail pharmacies

Saxenda Savings and Support

(b) **Saxenda® (liraglutide) injection 3 mg**: Patients who are commercially insured with an insurance plan that covers Saxenda® may pay as little as (“PALA”) \$25 per 30-day supply (1 box), \$50 per 60-day supply (2 boxes), or \$75 per 90-day supply (3 boxes) of Saxenda®. Subject to a maximum savings of \$200 per 30-day supply (1 box) (“Savings Benefit”), \$400 per 60-day supply (2 boxes), or \$600 per 90-day supply (3 boxes) of Saxenda®. Cash-paying patients and commercially insured patients without drug coverage for Saxenda® can save up to \$200 per 30-day supply (1 box), \$400 per 60-day supply (2 boxes), or \$600 per 90-day supply (3 boxes) of Saxenda®.

Wegovy Savings and Support

(a) **Wegovy™ (semaglutide) injection 2.4 mg**: Before qualifying for this affordability offering, an insurance benefits investigation (BI) must be run against patient's commercial insurance to ensure that patient's insurance covers Wegovy™ or Saxenda® (liraglutide) injection 3 mg. Only patients with commercial insurance that covers Wegovy™ or Saxenda® and which coverage is confirmed through a BI are eligible for this affordability offering. The BI requirement may be satisfied by (1) the patient or HCP requesting a BI via the NovoCare® call center at fax: 1-844-667-3475 or phone: 1-888-809-3942; or (2) upon HCP attestation to NovoCare® that HCP's independent running of a BI against patient's commercial insurance confirmed patient's commercial insurance provides Wegovy™ or Saxenda® coverage.

After completion of the BI, commercially insured patients pay \$25 for up to six (6), 28-day fills of Wegovy™. After the patient's sixth (6th) fill, patients with commercial drug coverage for Wegovy™ will then pay as little as ("PALA") \$25 per 28-day supply, \$50 per 56-day supply, or \$75 per 84-day supply of Wegovy™. Subject to a maximum savings of \$200 per 28-day supply ("Savings Benefit"), \$400 per 56-day supply, or \$600 per 84-day supply of Wegovy™.

Patients redeeming this offer are eligible for additional savings if they are prescribed a dose de-escalation within 21 days after the date of fill for the original dose by their healthcare provider necessitating them to fill an injection with a lower dosage strength for Wegovy™.

Wegovy Backorder Issues

- Currently Wegovy is experiencing month-long delays or longer
- Expected to continue until early 2022
- <https://www.novonordisk-us.com/products/product-supply-update.html>

Can I still get this treatment at a discounted rate?

If your healthcare provider has written you a prescription for Wegovy™ and you are eligible for copay savings, our Standard Copay Savings offer allows patients to pay as little as \$25 per 28-day supply of Wegovy™, subject to a maximum savings of \$200 per 28-day supply. Eligible patients can download the savings offer and view terms and conditions online at <https://www.novocare.com/wegovy/savings-card.html>.

Due to the high demand for Wegovy™, we are no longer distributing additional Wegovy™ Limited-Time Savings offers to healthcare providers, effective August 16, 2021. This was not a decision that we took lightly. We did not feel we would be acting responsibly by continuing to offer programs that could contribute to increased demand at a time when we are not able to meet it.

Eligible patients who receive the Limited-Time Savings offer from their healthcare provider after August 16, 2021 can still use this offer. To receive this 6-month savings offer, activate the card and sign up for **WeGoTogether™** support at [SaveOnWegovy.com](https://www.novocare.com/wegovy/savings-card.html) by December 31, 2021. **WeGoTogether™** provides free access to a live or digital coach dedicated to helping you manage your weight, online resources and ongoing support to keep you motivated.

Additionally, if you are currently enrolled in any of our savings programs, please know that we will continue to honor these, as well.

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