



MARKET NEWSLETTER VERSION

New Weight Management Option Available for Eligible Part D Beneficiaries via GLP-1 Medicare Part D Bridge Program

Medicare has launched the GLP-1 Bridge Program, a short-term demonstration program designed to expand access to certain GLP-1 medications for weight management.

The program is available to eligible Medicare Part D beneficiaries who are not otherwise able to receive GLP-1 coverage through their Part D plan and do not have type 2 diabetes, moderate-to-severe sleep apnea, or fatty liver disease.

Visit [CMS.gov](https://www.cms.gov) for the latest information on eligible medications for the program.

Medicare beneficiaries may qualify for the demonstration program if they:

1. Are enrolled in Medicare Part D coverage.
2. Are prescribed an eligible GLP-1 for weight management only, not another approved Part D indication.
3. Meet the Medicare GLP-1 Bridge clinical criteria.

Eligible participants, including those receiving a Low-Income Subsidy (LIS), generally pay a \$50 copay per fill. Costs associated with the GLP-1 Bridge Program do not count toward Part D out-of-pocket costs (TrOOP) or benefit phases.

Providers can support the new program by:

- Identify Medicare Part D beneficiaries that may meet GLP-1 Bridge eligibility criteria.
- Send prescription claims with an obesity diagnosis (E66) and enter “*SEND TO BRIDGE FOR WEIGHT MANAGEMENT*” in the note/annotation.
- This enables the pharmacy to route the claim to the Medicare GLP-1 Bridge program, and Medicare will confirm eligibility.
- Once eligibility is confirmed, the claim will trigger a prior authorization (PA).
- PA determinations are sent to the member by mail and to providers via ePA or fax within 72 hours.

Reminder: the Medicare GLP-1 Bridge Program is administered directly by Medicare.

Wellcare is sharing this information as a courtesy to provider partners. For the most current program information, providers should visit CMS.gov or contact the Medicare GLP-1 Bridge Program at 855-273-0102, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.