



# Prior Authorization

## ▶▶ Resource Guide

Help your patients  
get started on **Zepbound**<sup>®</sup>  
(tirzepatide) injection

Not an actual patient.

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# Product Information<sup>1</sup>

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## STRENGTHS

Available dosing strengths	NDC
2.5 mg/0.5 mL in a single-dose pen	0002-2506-80
5 mg/0.5 mL in a single-dose pen	0002-2495-80
7.5 mg/0.5 mL in a single-dose pen	0002-2484-80
10 mg/0.5 mL in a single-dose pen	0002-2471-80
12.5 mg/0.5 mL in a single-dose pen	0002-2460-80
15 mg/0.5 mL in a single-dose pen	0002-2457-80

## Recommended maintenance dosages are 5 mg, 10 mg, or 15 mg:

- Initiate with the 2.5 mg dose
- After 4 weeks, increase to the 5 mg dose
- You can continue to increase the dose by 2.5 mg increments after at least 4 weeks on the current dose. The maximum dose is 15 mg
- Consider treatment response and tolerability when selecting maintenance dosage. If not tolerated, consider a lower maintenance dosage

### As an adjunct to a reduced-calorie diet and increased physical activity

For adult patients with obesity (BMI of  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>) or with overweight (BMI of  $\geq 27$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>) with at least 1 weight-related comorbidity.

The 2.5 mg dosage is for treatment initiation and is not intended for chronic weight management.<sup>1</sup>

The Zepbound vial is available in the 2.5 mg and 5 mg doses. The Zepbound pen is available in the 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 7.5 mg, 10 mg, 12.5 mg, and 15 mg doses.<sup>1</sup>

NDC=National Drug Code.

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# Submit Prior Authorization (PA)

This Zepbound PA checklist is intended to highlight important categorical information often considered in patient coverage decisions. Actual coverage requirements will vary.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT MAY BE REQUIRED FOR PA

Zepbound PA checklist	Additional considerations
 <b>Diagnosis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of an appropriate diagnosis and any weight-related comorbidities (see <b>ICD-10 codes on pages 7-9 for commonly used codes</b>)</li> <li>• Placing comorbidities in the primary diagnosis field may lead to PA denials</li> </ul>
 <b>Patient Weight &amp; BMI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient weight and BMI supplement the diagnosis field in identifying eligible patients</li> <li>• Different insurance plans may have different patient BMI requirements that result in coverage</li> <li>• Baseline weight and BMI can be important information to document for both initial and reauthorization PAs</li> </ul>
 <b>Trial and/or Failure of Other Therapies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other anti-obesity or weight loss medications the patient may have used in the past</li> <li>• Examples include Alli® (orlistat), Contrave® (naltrexone HCl/bupropion HCl), Qsymia® (phentermine/topiramate extended-release capsules), Saxenda® (liraglutide), Xenical® (orlistat), Wegovy® (semaglutide), or Adipex-P®/Lomaira™ (phentermine HCl)<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>
 <b>Lifestyle Modification</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any weight loss attempts by the patient in the past 3, 6, or 12 months</li> <li>• Document whether you have instructed the patient to make concurrent lifestyle modifications such as a reduced-calorie diet and increased physical exercise while on Zepbound</li> <li>• Implementation of diet (often defined as a 500 kcal deficit per day) and exercise (often defined as 150 minutes of activity per week) or enrollment in specific payer, employer, or patient-initiated programs should also be documented</li> </ul>

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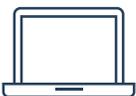
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 <b>Continuation of Therapy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuation of therapy designations are often available for patients who are already taking Zepbound</li><li>• For reauthorizations, document the percentage of weight loss from baseline weight and for how long a patient has maintained on a stable maintenance dose (5 mg, 10 mg, or 15 mg)</li></ul>
 <b>Drug Combinations</b>	<p>Whether Zepbound is being co-administered with other drugs. Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coadministration with other tirzepatide-containing products or any GLP-1 receptor agonist is not recommended<sup>1</sup></li><li>• The safety and efficacy of coadministration with other products for weight management have not been established<sup>1</sup></li></ul>

## KEY REMINDERS

- You will likely need to complete a PA request before your patient's insurance will cover Zepbound
- It is important to accurately provide detailed information in the PA request to help your patients access Zepbound
- Double check if payers require clinical documentation of certain information
- Incomplete or incorrect documentation may result in a denied claim



### EXPLORE FORMULARY COVERAGE & ZEPBOUND RESOURCES

Visit [zepbound.lilly.com/hcp/coverage-savings](https://zepbound.lilly.com/hcp/coverage-savings)

- Look Up **formulary coverage** in your area
- **See additional Zepbound resources:** Prior Authorization Guide, Letter of Medical Necessity Guide, and more



### HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? LIVE PHONE AGENTS CAN HELP

Call 1-800-LillyRx to speak with a live agent for benefits verification, PA support, and more. To reach a Lilly Support Services agent, choose the options for HCP, Zepbound, and then Access and Affordability.

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## COMMONLY SEEN ZEPBOUND PA CRITERIA ACROSS MAJOR NATIONAL PAYER FORMULARIES

### BMI Cutoffs

- Aligned with Zepbound-labeled indication—obesity (BMI  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>) or overweight ( $\geq 27$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>) with at least 1 weight-related comorbidity<sup>1</sup>
- Documentation of BMI is required
- Documentation of any weight-related comorbidities is required (the list of qualifying comorbidities will vary between formularies)

### Behavioral Modification Requirements

- Patient has participated in weight management program or diet/exercise for at least 3–6 months prior to therapy
- Medication will be used alongside diet and exercise

### Reauthorization

- Documentation that patient has lost or maintained a loss of at least 5% from their baseline weight
- Initial authorization duration: ~6–8 months
- Some reauthorizations may be dependent on patients being stable on a maintenance dose (5 mg, 10 mg, or 15 mg) for several months

### Other

- Age: 18+
- No concurrent use of other GLP-1 agonists or other weight loss medication
- No history of pancreatitis
- Step edits not usually required
- No/few specialist prescribing restrictions

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### EMPOWER YOUR PATIENTS WITH INFORMATION IF YOU USE COVERMYMEDS FOR PAs

Many patients appreciate insights into their healthcare journey, including the status of their prior authorizations. CoverMyMeds now offers providers the ability to notify patients of their PA outcome in real time via text or email.

### No more back-and-forth phone calls. Here's how it works:

- 1** Start a PA request at [covermymeds.com](https://covermymeds.com) or open a pharmacy-initiated request.
- 2** With patient consent, **select option** on PA page **to inform patient** of PA outcome.
- 3** Enter the **patient contact** information.
- 4** **Submit the PA** to the plan; once plan determination is received, the patient and provider's office are notified.

#### HAVE QUESTIONS FOR COVERMYMEDS?

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## ICD-10 CODES<sup>2</sup>

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Code	Code description
E66.0 - E66.01 - E66.09	Obesity due to excess calories - Morbid (severe) obesity due to excess calories - Other obesity due to excess calories
E66.1	Drug-induced obesity
E66.2	Morbid (severe) obesity with alveolar hypoventilation
E66.3	Overweight
E66.8 - E66.81 - E66.811 - E66.812 - E66.813 - E66.89	Other obesity (These codes should be available for use starting 10/1/24) (Obesity class) (Obesity, class 1) (Obesity, class 2) (Obesity, class 3) (Other obesity not elsewhere classified)
E66.9	Obesity, unspecified (can be used once for initial visit only)

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### BMI REPORTING FOR ADULT BMI $\geq 27$ kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Code	Code description	Code	Code description
Z68.27	BMI 27.0-27.9	Z68.36	BMI 36.0-36.9
Z68.28	BMI 28.0-28.9	Z68.37	BMI 37.0-37.9
Z68.29	BMI 29.0-29.9	Z68.38	BMI 38.0-38.9
Z68.30	BMI 30.0-30.9	Z68.39	BMI 39.0-39.9
Z68.31	BMI 31.0-31.9	Z68.41	BMI 40.0-44.9
Z68.32	BMI 32.0-32.9	Z68.42	BMI 45.0-49.9
Z68.33	BMI 33.0-33.9	Z68.43	BMI 50.0-59.9
Z68.34	BMI 34.0-34.9	Z68.44	BMI 60.0-69.9
Z68.35	BMI 35.0-35.9	Z68.45	BMI $\geq 70$

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### CODES FOR SELECT WEIGHT-RELATED COMORBIDITIES

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Code	Code description
I10	Essential (primary) hypertension
E78.5	Hyperlipidemia, unspecified
E11	Type 2 diabetes mellitus
G47.33	Obstructive sleep apnea (adult) (pediatric)
I51.9	Heart disease, unspecified

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**Hypoglycemia:** Zepbound lowers blood glucose and can cause hypoglycemia. In a trial of patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus and BMI  $\geq 27$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> (Study 2), hypoglycemia (plasma glucose  $< 54$  mg/dL) was reported in 4.2% of Zepbound-treated patients versus 1.3% of placebo-treated patients. In this trial, patients taking Zepbound in combination with an insulin secretagogue (e.g., sulfonylurea) had increased risk of hypoglycemia (10.3%) compared to Zepbound-treated patients not taking a sulfonylurea (2.1%). There is also increased risk of hypoglycemia in patients treated with tirzepatide in combination with insulin. Hypoglycemia has also been associated with Zepbound and GLP-1 receptor agonists in adults without type 2 diabetes mellitus. Inform patients of the risk of hypoglycemia and educate them on the signs and symptoms of hypoglycemia. In patients with diabetes mellitus, monitor blood glucose prior to starting Zepbound and during Zepbound treatment. The risk of hypoglycemia may be lowered by a reduction in the dose of insulin or sulfonylurea (or other concomitantly administered insulin secretagogue).

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## Important Safety Information for Zepbound® (tirzepatide) injection (continued)

reactions occur, advise patients to promptly seek medical attention and discontinue use of Zepbound. Do not use in patients with a previous serious hypersensitivity reaction to tirzepatide or any of the excipients in Zepbound. Use caution in patients with a history of angioedema or anaphylaxis with a GLP-1 receptor agonist because it is unknown if such patients will be predisposed to these reactions with Zepbound.

**Hypoglycemia:** Zepbound lowers blood glucose and can cause hypoglycemia. In a trial of patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus and BMI  $\geq 27$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> (Study 2), hypoglycemia (plasma glucose  $< 54$  mg/dL) was reported in 4.2% of Zepbound-treated patients versus 1.3% of placebo-treated patients. In this trial, patients taking Zepbound in combination with an insulin secretagogue (e.g., sulfonylurea) had increased risk of hypoglycemia (10.3%) compared to Zepbound-treated patients not taking a sulfonylurea (2.1%). There is also increased risk of hypoglycemia in patients treated with tirzepatide in combination with insulin. Hypoglycemia has also been associated with Zepbound and GLP-1 receptor agonists in adults without type 2 diabetes mellitus. Inform patients of the risk of hypoglycemia and educate them on the signs and symptoms of hypoglycemia. In patients with diabetes mellitus, monitor blood glucose prior to starting Zepbound and during Zepbound treatment. The risk of hypoglycemia may be lowered by a reduction in the dose of insulin or sulfonylurea (or other concomitantly administered insulin secretagogue).

**Diabetic Retinopathy Complications in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus:** Rapid improvement in glucose control has been associated with a temporary worsening of diabetic retinopathy. Tirzepatide has not been studied in patients with non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy requiring acute therapy, proliferative diabetic retinopathy, or diabetic macular edema. Patients with a history of diabetic retinopathy should be monitored for progression of diabetic retinopathy.

**Suicidal Behavior and Ideation:** Suicidal behavior and ideation have been reported in clinical trials with other weight management products. Monitor patients treated with Zepbound for the emergence or worsening of depression, suicidal thoughts or behaviors, and/or any unusual changes in mood or behavior. Discontinue Zepbound in patients who experience suicidal thoughts or behaviors. Avoid Zepbound in patients with a history of suicidal attempts or active suicidal ideation.

**Pulmonary Aspiration During General Anesthesia or Deep Sedation:** Zepbound delays gastric emptying. There have been rare postmarketing reports of pulmonary aspiration in patients receiving GLP-1 receptor agonists undergoing elective surgeries or procedures requiring general anesthesia or deep sedation who had residual gastric contents despite reported adherence to preoperative fasting recommendations. Available data are insufficient to inform recommendations to mitigate the risk of pulmonary aspiration during general anesthesia or deep sedation in patients taking Zepbound, including whether modifying preoperative fasting recommendations or temporarily discontinuing Zepbound could reduce the incidence of retained gastric contents. Instruct patients to inform healthcare providers prior to any planned surgeries or procedures if they are taking Zepbound.

**Most common adverse reactions:** The most common adverse reactions, reported in  $\geq 5\%$  of patients treated with Zepbound are: nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, constipation, abdominal pain, dyspepsia, injection site reactions, fatigue, hypersensitivity reactions, eructation, hair loss, and gastroesophageal reflux disease.

**Drug Interactions:** Zepbound lowers blood glucose. When initiating Zepbound, consider reducing the dose of concomitantly administered insulin secretagogues (e.g., sulfonylureas) or insulin to reduce the risk of hypoglycemia. Zepbound delays gastric emptying and thereby has the potential to impact the absorption of concomitantly administered oral medications. Caution should be exercised when oral medications are concomitantly administered with Zepbound. Monitor patients on oral medications dependent on threshold concentrations for efficacy and those with a narrow therapeutic index (e.g., warfarin) when concomitantly administered with Zepbound.

**Pregnancy:** Advise pregnant patients that weight loss is not recommended during pregnancy and to discontinue Zepbound when a pregnancy is recognized. Available data with tirzepatide in pregnant patients are insufficient to evaluate for a drug-related risk of major birth defects, miscarriage, or other adverse maternal or fetal outcomes. Based on animal reproduction studies, there may be risks to the fetus from exposure to tirzepatide during pregnancy. There will be a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women exposed to Zepbound (tirzepatide) during pregnancy. Pregnant patients exposed to Zepbound and healthcare providers are encouraged to contact Eli Lilly and Company at 1-800-LillyRx (1-800-545-5979).

**Lactation:** There are no data on the presence of tirzepatide or its metabolites in animal or human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for Zepbound and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from Zepbound or from the underlying maternal condition.

**Females and Males of Reproductive Potential:** Use of Zepbound may reduce the efficacy of oral hormonal contraceptives due to delayed gastric emptying. This delay is largest after the first dose and diminishes over time. Advise patients using oral hormonal contraceptives to switch to a non-oral contraceptive method or add a barrier method of contraception, for 4 weeks after initiation with Zepbound and for 4 weeks after each dose escalation.

**Pediatric Use:** The safety and effectiveness of Zepbound have not been established in pediatric patients.

Please see accompanying [Prescribing Information](#), including **Boxed Warning** about possible thyroid tumors, including thyroid cancer, and [Medication Guide](#).

Please see [Instructions for Use](#).

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