

# Medicare GLP-1 Bridge

## Information sheet

### What is the Medicare GLP-1 Bridge?

The Medicare [GLP-1 Bridge](#) is a CMS short-term demonstration that provides eligible Medicare Part D beneficiaries access to certain GLP-1 medications for weight reduction at a \$50/month copay. It runs from July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, nationwide in all states and territories.

- Humana, designated as the Central Processor, handles prior authorization, claims adjudication, and pharmacy payments for all GLP-1 Bridge transactions.
- Participation for pharmacies is automatic – pharmacies do not need to opt in, enroll, or register in the program.
- Manufacturer coupons and discount programs cannot be applied to Bridge claims.
- **BIN: 028918 | PCN: MEDDGLP1BR** – add the BIN/PCN to your pharmacy management system and use these for all Bridge claims to enable electronic claims submission to Humana, the Central Processor.
- Operates outside the Part D benefit.

### Which drugs are covered?

The following products are covered when used to reduce excess body weight and maintain weight reduction:

| Product                         | Notes                                                                 | NDC                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wegovy® (injection and tablets) | All formulations covered                                              | 0169-4525-14<br>0169-4505-14<br>0169-4501-14<br>0169-4517-14<br>0169-4524-14<br>0169-4415-31<br>0169-4404-31<br>0169-4409-31<br>0169-4425-31<br>0169-4572-14 |
| Zepbound® (KwikPen® only)       | Single-dose vial and single-dose pen formulations are NOT covered     | 0002-3566-11<br>0002-3555-11<br>0002-3544-11<br>0002-3533-11<br>0002-3522-11<br>0002-3511-11                                                                 |
| Foundayo®                       | All formulations covered (added April 6, 2026 following FDA approval) | 0002-4178-31<br>0002-4503-31<br>0002-4794-31<br>0002-4803-31<br>0002-4839-31<br>0002-4953-31                                                                 |

## Who is eligible?

### Patient eligibility (must be 18+ AND meet one of the following):

- **BMI ≥ 35**, or
- **BMI ≥ 30** with at least one of these conditions:
  - Heart failure
  - High blood pressure that isn't controlled with medication
  - Chronic kidney disease (moderate or worse)
- **BMI ≥ 27** with a history of one of the following:
  - Pre-diabetes
  - Heart attack
  - Stroke
  - Peripheral artery disease (poor circulation)

If your patient is eligible for coverage under Medicare GLP-1 Bridge, prescribers will transmit the prescription to the pharmacy using the standard process, and direct the pharmacist to send the claim directly to Medicare GLP-1 Bridge by including an obesity diagnosis code (the E66 family) and indicating "SEND TO BRIDGE FOR WEIGHT MANAGEMENT" on the prescription in the Note field if electronic, or as an annotation if non-electronic.

\*Claims for other indications (e.g., diabetes, cardiovascular risk) should continue to be submitted through the beneficiary's standard Part D plan.

## What will pharmacies be reimbursed?

- Pharmacies are reimbursed at Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) of the drug, plus a dispensing fee, plus applicable sales tax.
- The CMS central processor will pay a dispensing fee of \$3 for each Medicare GLP-1 Bridge claim (\$5 for a beneficiary residing in long-term care).
- Manufacturer coupons and discount programs cannot be applied to Bridge claims

## How would pharmacy know to submit the GLP -1 claim to the Medicare GLP -1 Bridge?

Patient presents with the prescription or provider sends the prescription over and may indicate that the claim should be sent directly to Medicare GLP -1 Bridge by including the following on the script:

- Send to Medicare GLP-1 Bridge
- For weight management

After a Part D claim has been denied, payers may include the exact message below as free text in the Additional Message Information (526-FQ) field with the appropriate qualifier:

- **For Obesity: BIN 028918 | PCN MEDDGLP1BR**

If the beneficiary is unable to receive a GLP-1 through their Part D plan, they may be eligible for Medicare GLP-1 Bridge coverage.

- Pharmacy should notify provider to submit PA for GLP-1. The [program's prior authorization](#) requirements, which are managed by Humana as the Central Processor.

# Preparing your pharmacy

To ensure the pharmacy is ready to process GLP-1 Bridge claims when the program launches on July 1, 2026, complete the following steps:

- 1. **Add BIN 028918 and PCN MEDDGLP1BR to your pharmacy management system to enable electronic claims submission to Humana, the Central Processor.** Claims must be submitted electronically using the NCPDP Telecommunication Standard – no paper claims or direct member reimbursements are accepted.
- 2. **Review [CMS technical instructions and payer sheets](#) for claims formatting requirements under the NCPDP Telecommunication Standard.** These documents detail field-level submission requirements, rejection codes, and proper handling of prior authorization responses.

**Train pharmacy staff on the following program specifics:**

- Collecting the flat \$50 copay from the beneficiary at the point of sale: this amount applies to every monthly supply and is not reduced by Low-Income Subsidy (LIS)/Extra Help
- Understanding that the Bridge program acts as primary payer and does not coordinate benefits with other payers; manufacturer coupons and discount programs cannot be applied to Bridge claims

## Additional resources

CMS GLP-1 Bridge Contact Email: [glp1demo@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:glp1demo@cms.hhs.gov)

CMS GLP-1 Bridge Contact Phone: 1.800.633.4227

[CMS Medicare GLP-1 Bridge Program Page](#)

[Medicare GLP-1 Bridge Information for Pharmacies](#)

[Medicare GLP-1 Bridge Information for Prescribers](#)

[Medicare GLP-1 Bridge Payer Sheet](#)

[Medicare GLP-1 Bridge Prior Authorization Request Form](#)

| Topic             | Detail                           |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Patient Copay     | \$50/month                       |
| BIN / PCN         | 028918 / MEDDGLP1BR              |
| Central Processor | Humana (LI NET infrastructure)   |
| Duration          | July 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027 |

Note: This program is rapidly changing. For additional information visit: [Medicare GLP-1 Bridge](#) | CMS