

## Ready to talk to your insurance company about Wegovy®?

This guide features questions you can ask your insurance company to better understand your coverage for Wegovy®.

 **To contact your insurance company, call the number on the back of your insurance card.**

Check out the “**Terms-to-know glossary**” on page 5 to learn more about the words with a **dotted underline**.



### Does my insurance plan cover Wegovy®?

**My insurance plan covers Wegovy®**  
(See below)

**My insurance plan does not cover Wegovy®**  
(See page 4)

### My insurance plan covers Wegovy®

Prior authorization

#### Does my plan require prior authorization?

Most insurance plans require **prior authorization** (or “pre-approval”) to cover medications like Wegovy®. That means your health care provider must submit a form to your insurance company seeking approval for Wegovy®.

*If your plan does not require prior authorization, skip to [D Financial questions](#) (page 3)*

- **If your plan does require prior authorization, ask:** Is there a document you can send me that includes all the criteria I must meet before Wegovy® is covered?

*If your insurance company can provide this document, you can skip to [D Financial questions](#). Don't forget to give this document to your health care provider.*

#### A More coverage questions

#### What are the covered indications (conditions) for using Wegovy® and are there specific diagnostic codes associated with them?

*Some insurance companies will cover Wegovy® for certain approved indications or conditions. Your health care provider will need to include this information when completing a prior authorization.*

#### Do I need to try another medication before my plan will cover Wegovy®? (This process is also known as step therapy.)

I can start with Wegovy®

First I must try: \_\_\_\_\_

#### What is Wegovy®?

Wegovy® (semaglutide) injection 2.4 mg is an injectable prescription medicine used with a reduced calorie diet and increased physical activity:

- to reduce the risk of major cardiovascular events such as death, heart attack, or stroke in adults with known heart disease and with either obesity or overweight.
- that may help adults and children aged 12 years and older with obesity, or some adults with overweight who also have weight-related medical problems, to help them lose excess body weight and keep the weight off.

Wegovy® contains semaglutide and should not be used with other semaglutide-containing products or other GLP-1 receptor agonist medicines.

It is not known if Wegovy® is safe and effective for use in children under 12 years of age.

## B Medical information needed

---

**What other health details do you need?** *For example, a specific recorded BMI? Any detailed information associated with comorbidities (diseases)?*

---

**What type of medical documentation do you need to cover my Wegovy® (semaglutide) injection prescription?** *For example, documentation of obesity diagnosis, evidence of prior treatment failures, medical records, diagnostic, or lab test results?*

---

**Do I need to participate in a behavior modification plan, along with dietary restrictions, prior to starting treatment?**

---

**What number should my health care provider call for more information? What is the preferred method in which my health care provider should submit the prior authorization?** *For example, email, an online portal, etc.?*

---

## C Keeping my coverage for Wegovy®

---

**What ongoing information do you need once I'm taking Wegovy®? For example...**

- How frequently do I need to weigh in or document my BMI?  

---
- Are there other health metrics (readings) that I need to keep sending to you, such as my blood pressure, cholesterol level, and blood sugar level?  

---
- Do I also need to document that I am meeting certain requirements for my lifestyle? *Like specific exercise programs, counseling, or nutritional plans.*  

---
- How does this information need to be submitted and by whom?  

---
- Do you cover health club memberships, behavioral counseling, visits with a dietitian or nutritionist, etc.?  

---

## Important Safety Information

**What is the most important information I should know about Wegovy®?**

**Wegovy® may cause serious side effects, including:**

- **Possible thyroid tumors, including cancer.** Tell your healthcare provider if you get a lump or swelling in your neck, hoarseness, trouble swallowing, or shortness of breath. These may be symptoms of thyroid cancer. In studies with rodents, Wegovy® and medicines that work like Wegovy® caused thyroid tumors, including thyroid cancer. It is not known if Wegovy® will cause thyroid tumors or a type of thyroid cancer called medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC) in people
- Do not use Wegovy® if you or any of your family have ever had a type of thyroid cancer called medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC) or if you have an endocrine system condition called Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2 (MEN 2)

**How much will I pay for Wegovy® (semaglutide) injection?**

*(Is it considered a coinsurance or copay?)*

---

**Is my plan considered commercial insurance or government insurance?**

---

**How much is my deductible?**

*(Have I met it this year? If not, how much is left, and what will my cost be afterward?)*

---

**What is my out-of-pocket maximum?**

*(How close am I to reaching it and what will my cost be afterward?)*

---

**Are there other ways to get cost savings?**

*(Like a 90-day prescription, a specific pharmacy, or a mail-order pharmacy.)*

---



**Savings tip**

**You may pay as little as \$0 per month<sup>a,b</sup> with the Wegovy® Savings Offer if you have a commercial insurance plan.**

**Sign up at [Wegovy.com](https://www.wegovy.com).**

*Please note: This offer is subject to a maximum savings of \$225 per month.*

<sup>a</sup>A 28-day supply of Wegovy® is equivalent to 1 month of treatment.

<sup>b</sup>Governmental beneficiaries excluded. Eligibility and other restrictions apply. Novo Nordisk reserves the right to modify or cancel this program at any time. See [WegovyTerms.com](https://www.wegovy.com/terms) for details.

**Important Safety Information (Cont'd)**

**Do not use Wegovy® if:**

- you or any of your family have ever had a type of thyroid cancer called medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC) or if you have an endocrine system condition called Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2 (MEN 2)
- you have had a serious allergic reaction to semaglutide or any of the ingredients in Wegovy®

**Before using Wegovy®, tell your healthcare provider if you have any other medical conditions, including if you:**

- have or have had problems with your pancreas or kidneys
- have type 2 diabetes and a history of diabetic retinopathy
- have or have had depression, suicidal thoughts, or mental health issues
- are scheduled to have surgery or other procedures that use anesthesia or deep sleepiness (deep sedation)
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. Wegovy® may harm your unborn baby. You should stop using Wegovy® 2 months before you plan to become pregnant
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if Wegovy® passes into your breast milk

**Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Wegovy® may affect the way some medicines work and some medicines may affect the way Wegovy® works. Tell your healthcare provider if you are taking other medicines to treat diabetes, including sulfonylureas or insulin. Wegovy® slows stomach emptying and can affect medicines that need to pass through the stomach quickly.

## My insurance plan does not cover Wegovy® (semaglutide) injection

Can my health care provider ask for an appeal or exception so I can get coverage for Wegovy®? What are the steps?

More to consider

---

**If your prescription insurance is provided by an employer that does not cover Wegovy®**

You can reach out to the benefits or human resources manager and request that they add coverage for Wegovy®. A letter from your health care provider can support your request.

Download our sample template:  
[NovoCare.com/WegovySampleLetter](https://www.novocare.com/WegovySampleLetter)

### Important Safety Information (Cont'd)

**What are the possible side effects of Wegovy®?**

**Wegovy® may cause serious side effects, including:**

- **inflammation of your pancreas (pancreatitis).** Stop using Wegovy® and call your healthcare provider right away if you have severe pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that will not go away, with or without vomiting. You may feel the pain from your abdomen to your back
- **gallbladder problems.** Wegovy® may cause gallbladder problems, including gallstones. Some gallstones may need surgery. Call your healthcare provider if you have symptoms, such as pain in your upper stomach (abdomen), fever, yellowing of the skin or eyes (jaundice), or clay-colored stools
- **increased risk of low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), especially those who also take medicines for diabetes such as insulin or sulfonylureas.** This can be a serious side effect. Talk to your healthcare provider about how to recognize and treat low blood sugar and check your blood sugar before you start and while you take Wegovy®. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include dizziness or light-headedness, blurred vision, anxiety, irritability or mood changes, sweating, slurred speech, hunger, confusion or drowsiness, shakiness, weakness, headache, fast heartbeat, or feeling jittery
- **kidney problems (kidney failure).** In people who have kidney problems, diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting may cause a loss of fluids (dehydration), which may cause kidney problems to get worse. It is important for you to drink fluids to help reduce your chance of dehydration
- **severe stomach problems.** Stomach problems, sometimes severe, have been reported in people who use Wegovy®. Tell your healthcare provider if you have stomach problems that are severe or will not go away
- **serious allergic reactions.** Stop using Wegovy® and get medical help right away, if you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, including swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat; problems breathing or swallowing; severe rash or itching; fainting or feeling dizzy; or very rapid heartbeat
- **change in vision in people with type 2 diabetes.** Tell your healthcare provider if you have changes in vision during treatment with Wegovy®



### Savings tip

There are 2 ways you can get Wegovy® for \$499 per month<sup>a</sup>

- Use NovoCare® Pharmacy<sup>c</sup> to have Wegovy® shipped directly to your home. **Learn more at [NovoCarePharmacy.com](https://www.novocarepharmacy.com).**
- If your commercial insurance doesn't cover Wegovy®: Take the Wegovy® Savings Offer<sup>b</sup> to your local pharmacy. **Sign up at [Wegovy.com](https://www.wegovy.com).**

*Please note: Using 1 of these options means your prescription will be processed outside of your insurance, will not count toward any deductibles, and cannot be applied to any insurance maximum out-of-pocket limits.*

<sup>a</sup>28-day supply of Wegovy® is equivalent to 1 month of treatment.

<sup>b</sup>Governmental beneficiaries excluded. Eligibility and other restrictions apply. Novo Nordisk reserves the right to modify or cancel this program at any time. See [WegovyTerms.com](https://www.wegovy.com/terms) for details.

<sup>c</sup>CoAssist Pharmacy d/b/a NovoCare® Pharmacy.

## Terms-to-know glossary

<b>Appeal or exception</b>	If your insurance company does not cover the cost of Wegovy® (semaglutide) injection, your health care provider can file an appeal or exception request. If the insurance company agrees Wegovy® is medically necessary, they can approve the appeal or exception request and cover the medication.
<b>Commercial insurance</b>	Commercial insurance is also known as private health insurance (such as insurance you receive through an employer or purchase directly).
<b>Coinsurance</b>	Coinsurance is the amount of money you pay for your prescription, as a percentage. For example, if you've met your deductible, you might have to pay 20% of the cost. Then your insurance company would cover the rest.
<b>Copay</b>	Copay is the amount of money you pay for your prescription as a flat fee.
<b>Deductible</b>	A deductible is a fixed amount that you are responsible for paying per year before your insurance company will begin to cover part of the overall cost.
<b>Government insurance</b>	Government insurance includes Medicaid, Medicare, Tricare, and VA Coverage. Plans covered under the Affordable Care Act (ie, health care exchange) are not considered government plans.
<b>Out-of-pocket maximum</b>	An out-of-pocket maximum is the most you'll have to pay in a benefit year. After you spend this amount, your insurance plan usually pays 100% of the remaining costs.
<b>Prior authorization</b>	Your health insurance company might need to approve your prescription for Wegovy® before agreeing to cover the cost. The process for getting this approval is called prior authorization. Your health care provider will fill out a prior authorization form and submit it to the insurance company. The insurer will then decide whether to cover all, some, or none of the cost.
<b>Step therapy</b>	Step therapy is trying a less expensive or generic version of a medication to see if it works before stepping up to a more expensive prescription. Some insurance companies require step therapy before they'll agree to cover Wegovy®.

**Need a refresher on health insurance terms? Visit [OB.HealthInsuranceEd.com/Terms](https://www.ob.healthinsuranceed.com/terms) for more definitions.**

## Important Safety Information (Cont'd)

### What are the possible side effects of Wegovy®? (Cont'd)

- **increased heart rate.** Wegovy® can increase your heart rate while you are at rest. Tell your healthcare provider if you feel your heart racing or pounding in your chest and it lasts for several minutes
- **depression or thoughts of suicide.** You should pay attention to any mental changes, especially sudden changes in your mood, behaviors, thoughts, or feelings. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any mental changes that are new, worse, or worry you
- **food or liquid getting into the lungs during surgery or other procedures that use anesthesia or deep sleepiness (deep sedation).** Wegovy® may increase the chance of food getting into your lungs during surgery or other procedures. Tell all your healthcare providers that you are taking Wegovy® before you are scheduled to have surgery or other procedures

**The most common side effects of Wegovy® may include:** nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, constipation, stomach (abdomen) pain, headache, tiredness (fatigue), upset stomach, dizziness, feeling bloated, belching, low blood sugar in people with type 2 diabetes, gas, stomach flu, heartburn, and runny nose or sore throat.

See the Important Safety Information throughout, Medication Guide, and Prescribing Information at [www.novo-pi.com/wegovy.pdf](https://www.novo-pi.com/wegovy.pdf)



NovoCare® and Wegovy® are registered trademarks of Novo Nordisk A/S.  
Novo Nordisk is a registered trademark of Novo Nordisk A/S.  
© 2025 Novo Nordisk All rights reserved. US25NC00073 May 2025

**wegovy®**  
semaglutide injection **2.4 mg**