

Quick Guide to MEDICARE GLP-1 BRIDGE PROGRAM



ONLY for initial weight loss and weight maintenance

July 1, 2026 - December 31, 2027

\$50 / month

Must be enrolled in Medicare Part D

Medication options:

Foundayo[®] - oral tablet 

OR

Zepbound[®] KwikPen[®]** - once weekly injection 
(separate pen needle Rx required - not covered by Bridge)

OR

Wegovy[®] oral tablet 

OR

Wegovy[®] auto-injector once weekly 

Patient Eligibility

Must be enrolled in **Medicare Part D** and meet one of the following criteria:

BMI $\geq$ **35**, no additional diagnosis required

BMI $\geq$ **30**, plus at least one:

- HFpEF
- Uncontrolled hypertension (>140/90)
- CKD stage 3+

BMI $\geq$ **27**, plus at least one:

- Pre-diabetes
- Prior MI
- Prior stroke
- Symptomatic PAD

Steps to Prescribe

1. Send **28- or 30-** day GLP-1 prescription to pharmacy
 - Add to prescription note: **“Send to Bridge for weight management”**
 - Include obesity diagnosis code: E66.0x, E66.1x, E66.8x, E66.9
 - MUST include BMI & comorbidities from time of GLP-1 initiation* (may differ from current BMI)
2. Pharmacy initiates PA and routes back to your office for completion
3. Provider submits PA - decision within 24-72 hrs
4. Once approved, pharmacy fills prescription

Bridge claim identifiers for pharmacies:

Member ID: Medicare
HICN BIN: 028918
PCN: MEDDGLP1BR
Group: GLP1Bridge

HfpEF = heart failure with preserved ejection fraction
CKD = chronic kidney disease
MI = myocardial infarction
PAD = peripheral artery disease
OSA = obstructive sleep apnea
MASH = metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis
AHI = apnea-hypopnea index

Patient INELIGIBILITY

- Currently receiving a GLP-1 through their Part D plan
- Diagnosis of:
 - OSA (moderate to severe, AHI $\geq$ 15)
 - Type 2 diabetes
 - MASH (stage F2-F3)

Tips & Tricks

** Tirzepatide **vials and SINGLE-dose pens** are **NOT** available through Bridge

Switching to a different GLP-1 requires a new PA

Refills and dose changes do not require a new PA

*Example scenario: Pt started GLP-1 in Sept 2024 at BMI 43, current BMI is 32. Use BMI 43 for PA.

For complete program details, covered drugs, PA form, and updates:
www.cms.gov/glp1bridge

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