## Help Your Patients Get Started on Wegovy® Today

~50 million patients with obesity have coverage for Wegovy®



## Help your patients get started with Wegovy® in 3 easy steps:



Verify coverage in as little as 90 seconds



Initiate a prior authorization, if needed



Start Wegovy®

#### **Indications and Usage**

Wegovy® (semaglutide) injection 2.4 mg is indicated in combination with a reduced calorie diet and increased physical activity:

- to reduce the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events (cardiovascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction, or non-fatal stroke) in adults with established cardiovascular disease and either obesity or overweight
- to reduce excess body weight and maintain weight reduction long term in adults and pediatric patients aged 12 years and older with obesity and adults with overweight in the presence of at least one weight-related comorbidity

**Limitations of Use:** Wegovy® contains semaglutide. Coadministration with other semaglutide-containing products or with any GLP-1 receptor agonist is not recommended

#### **Important Safety Information**

#### WARNING: RISK OF THYROID C-CELL TUMORS

- In rodents, semaglutide causes dose-dependent and treatment-duration-dependent thyroid C-cell tumors at clinically relevant exposures. It is unknown whether Wegovy® causes thyroid C-cell tumors, including medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC), in humans as human relevance of semaglutide-induced rodent thyroid C-cell tumors has not been determined
- Wegovy® is contraindicated in patients with a personal or family history
  of MTC or in patients with Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2
  (MEN 2). Counsel patients regarding the potential risk for MTC with the use
  of Wegovy® and inform them of symptoms of thyroid tumors (e.g. a mass in
  the neck, dysphagia, dyspnea, persistent hoarseness). Routine monitoring
  of serum calcitonin or using thyroid ultrasound is of uncertain value for
  early detection of MTC in patients treated with Wegovy®





## 1. VERIFY COVERAGE



Verify your patients' coverage and estimated costs in as little as 90 seconds

You can complete electronic benefit verification on: WegovyCoverage.com

· No registration or PBM card required



## Coverage information is provided for >75% of submitted inquiries\*

\*"Coverage information" includes the following statuses: covered, covered with a PA, or not covered. Novo Nordisk Data on File from 1/1/23 to 12/31/23.

#### Your patients may have already checked their own coverage

If your patients show you that they have



proceed to step 2 to initiate a prior authorization, if required

Patients should call their insurance provider directly to confirm the accuracy of coverage information provided through this tool. The assessment is based upon the information provided and does not constitute a guarantee of coverage or co-pay amount.

## If your patients don't have Wegovy® coverage:

You and your patients can advocate for better coverage from their insurance company or human resource department.

#### **Important Safety Information (cont'd)**

#### **Contraindications**

• Wegovy® is contraindicated in patients with a personal or family history of MTC or in patients with MEN 2, and in patients with a prior serious hypersensitivity reaction to semaglutide or to any of the excipients in Wegovy®. Serious hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis and angioedema have been reported with Wegovy®

#### **Warnings and Precautions**

- · Risk of Thyroid C-Cell Tumors: Patients should be further evaluated if serum calcitonin is measured and found to be elevated or thyroid nodules are noted on physical examination or neck imaging
- Acute Pancreatitis: Acute pancreatitis, including fatal and non-fatal hemorrhagic or necrotizing pancreatitis, has been observed in patients treated with GLP-1 receptor agonists, including semaglutide. Acute pancreatitis was observed in patients treated with Wegovy® in clinical trials. Observe patients carefully for signs and symptoms of acute pancreatitis (including persistent severe abdominal pain, sometimes radiating to the back, and which may or may not be accompanied by vomiting). If acute pancreatitis is suspected, discontinue Wegovy® promptly, and if acute pancreatitis is confirmed, do not restart
- Acute Gallbladder Disease: Treatment with Wegovy® is associated with an increased occurrence of cholelithiasis and cholecystitis. The incidence of cholelithiasis and cholecystitis was higher in Wegovy® pediatric patients aged 12 years and older than in Wegovy® adults. In clinical trials in adult patients, cholelithiasis was reported by 1.6% of Wegovy® patients and 0.7% of placebo patients. Cholecystitis was reported by 0.6% of Wegovy® patients and 0.2% of placebo patients. In a clinical trial in pediatric patients aged 12 years and older, cholelithiasis was reported by 3.8% of Wegovy®

patients and 0% placebo patients. Cholecystitis was reported by 0.8% of Wegovy® pediatric patients and 0% placebo patients. Substantial or rapid weight loss can increase the risk of cholelithiasis; however, the incidence of acute gallbladder disease was greater in Wegovy® patients than in placebo patients, even after accounting for the degree of weight loss. If cholelithiasis is suspected, gallbladder studies and appropriate clinical follow-up are

- **Hypoglycemia:** Wegovy® lowers blood glucose and can cause hypoglycemia. In a trial of adult patients with type 2 diabetes, hypoglycemia was reported in 6.2% of Wegovy® patients versus 2.5% of placebo patients. Patients with diabetes taking Wegovy® with an insulin or insulin secretagogue (e.g. sulfonylurea) may have an increased risk of hypoglycemia, including severe hypoglycemia. The use of Wegovy® in patients with type 1 diabetes or in combination with insulin has not been evaluated. Inform patients of the risk of hypoglycemia and educate them on the signs and symptoms. Monitor blood glucose in patients with diabetes
- Acute Kidney Injury: There have been postmarketing reports of acute kidney injury and worsening of chronic renal failure, which in some cases required hemodialysis, in patients treated with semaglutide. Patients with renal impairment may be at a greater risk of acute kidney injury, but some events have been reported in patients without known underlying renal disease. A majority of the events occurred in patients who experienced nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, leading to volume depletion. Monitor renal function when initiating or escalating doses of Wegovy® in patients reporting severe adverse gastrointestinal reactions and in patients with renal impairment reporting any adverse reactions that

could lead to volume depletion

semaglutide injection 2.4 mg

## 2. INITIATE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION



## If a prior authorization is needed, learn more at WegovyCoverage.com

PAs may seem like a standard process, but can be denied because of documentation errors



### Here are some criteria you may want to consider when completing a Wegovy® PA:



Reason for treatment, age of patient, comorbidities, and BMI as they're often required for Wegovy® PA submissions



If necessary, evidence that a patient has engaged in behavior modification and dietary restrictions for at least 3 months and has failed to achieve desired weight loss



Supportive documentation, such as chart notes and medical forms within the past 30 days, to help support your claim

BMI, body mass index; PA, prior authorization; PBM, pharmacy benefit manager.

Remember that potential formulary restrictions may differ from the Wegovy<sup>®</sup> label, so it's important to check your patient's plan when completing the PA.

#### **Important Safety Information (cont'd)**

#### Warnings and Precautions (cont'd)

- Hypersensitivity Reactions: Serious hypersensitivity reactions (e.g., anaphylaxis, angioedema) have been reported with Wegovy®. If hypersensitivity reactions occur, discontinue use of Wegovy®, treat promptly per standard of care, and monitor until signs and symptoms resolve. Use caution in a patient with a history of anaphylaxis or angioedema with another GLP-1 receptor agonist
- Diabetic Retinopathy Complications in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes: In a trial of adult patients with type 2 diabetes, diabetic retinopathy was reported by 4.0% of Wegovy® patients and 2.7% of placebo patients. Rapid improvement in glucose control has been associated with a temporary worsening of diabetic retinopathy. Patients with a history of diabetic retinopathy should be monitored for progression of diabetic retinopathy
- Heart Rate Increase: Mean increases in resting heart rate of 1 to 4 beats per minute (bpm) were observed in Wegovy® adult patients compared to placebo in clinical trials. More Wegovy® adult patients compared with placebo had maximum changes from baseline of 10 to 19 bpm (41% versus 34%) and 20 bpm or more (26% versus 16%). In a clinical trial in pediatric patients aged 12 years and older with normal baseline heart rate, more patients treated with Wegovy® compared to placebo had maximum changes in heart rate of 20 bpm or more (54% versus 39%). Monitor

- heart rate at regular intervals and instruct patients to report palpitations or feelings of a racing heartbeat while at rest. If patients experience a sustained increase in resting heart rate, discontinue Wegovy®
- Suicidal Behavior and Ideation: Suicidal behavior and ideation have been reported in clinical trials with other weight management products. Monitor patients for depression, suicidal thoughts or behavior, and/or any unusual changes in mood or behavior. Discontinue Wegovy® in patients who experience suicidal thoughts or behaviors and avoid in patients with a history of suicidal attempts or active suicidal ideation

#### **Adverse Reactions**

 Most common adverse reactions (incidence ≥5%) are: nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, constipation, abdominal pain, headache, fatigue, dyspepsia, dizziness, abdominal distention, eructation, hypoglycemia in patients with type 2 diabetes, flatulence, gastroenteritis, gastroesophageal reflux disease, and nasopharyngitis



## 3. START WEGOVY®



# Once PA is approved, patients are ready to fill their 0.25 mg Wegovy® prescription

#### When prescribing the escalation doses and the maintenance dose of Wegovy®, consider:

#### Tips for prescribing:



If patients **receive a starter kit** that includes four 0.25 mg Wegovy® pens, **check the "samples given"** box in their EHR

- Write prescription for 0.5 mg
- For those who do not receive a sample, write a prescription for 0.25 mg



**Encourage your patients to check in** throughout their dose-escalation schedule to assess progress and tolerability

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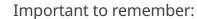
After your patients reach their maintenance dose, you can **consider a 3-month Rx** 



Check to make sure the dispense quantity unit of measure is "mL" only



Always choose **semaglutide** (**Wegovy**®) **for the intended indication** when searching the product database





A new prescription is required for each dose strength



Integrated needle means no separate Rx or co-pay

## Helpful information when writing Wegovy® prescriptions in EHR systems:

0.25 mg Starting dose



- 0.25 mg/0.5 mL
- Inject 0.25 mg SUBQ once a week for 4 weeks (28 days)
- 28-day supply dispense 2 mL

**0.5** mg
Escalation dose
NDC: 0169-4505-14



- 0.5 mg/0.5 mL
- Inject 0.5 mg SUBQ once a week for 4 weeks (28 days)
- 28-day supply dispense 2 mL

#### 1 mg Escalation dose

Escalation dose NDC: 0169-4501-14



- 1 mg/0.5 mL
- Inject 1 mg SUBQ once a week for 4 weeks (28 days)
- 28-day supply dispense 2 mL

## 1.7 mg\*

Escalation or maintenance dose NDC: 0169-4517-14



- 1.7 mg/0.75 mL
- Inject 1.7 mg SUBQ once a week for 4 weeks (28 days)
- 28-day supply dispense 3 mL

## **2.4 mg\***Recommended maintenance dose



- 2.4 mg/0.75 mL
- Inject 2.4 mg SUBQ once a week for 4 weeks (28 days)
- 28-day supply dispense 3 mL

EHR, electronic health record; NDC, National Drug Code; SUBQ, subcutaneously.

\*A 3-month supply (84 days) for appropriate patients would be dispensed as 3 packs, each containing 4 Wegovy® 1.7 mg or 2.4 mg dose single-use pens (1.7 mg/0.75 mL or 2.4 mg/0.75 mL) for a total dispense quantity of 9 mL.

### **Important Safety Information (cont'd)**

#### **Drug Interactions**

- The addition of Wegovy® in patients treated with insulin has not been evaluated. When initiating Wegovy®, consider reducing the dose of concomitantly administered insulin secretagogues (such as sulfonylureas) or insulin to reduce the risk of hypoglycemia
- Wegovy® causes a delay of gastric emptying and has the potential to impact the absorption of concomitantly administered oral medications. Monitor the effects of oral medications concomitantly administered with Wegovy®

#### **Use in Specific Populations**

• **Pregnancy:** May cause fetal harm. When pregnancy is recognized, discontinue Wegovy®. Discontinue Wegovy® in patients at least 2 months before a planned pregnancy

Please see additional Important Safety Information throughout.
Please <u>click here</u> for Prescribing Information, including Boxed Warning.

- Pediatric: Adverse reactions with Wegovy® in pediatric patients aged 12 years and older were similar to those reported in adults. Pediatric patients ≥12 years of age treated with Wegovy® had greater incidences of cholelithiasis, cholecystitis, hypotension, rash, and urticaria compared to adults treated with Wegovy®. There are insufficient data in pediatric patients with type 2 diabetes treated with Wegovy® for obesity to determine if there is an increased risk of hypoglycemia with Wegovy® treatment similar to that reported in adults
- **Geriatric:** In the cardiovascular outcomes trial, patients aged 75 years and older reported more hip and pelvis fractures on Wegovy® than placebo. Patients aged 75 years and older (Wegovy® and placebo) reported more serious adverse reactions overall compared to younger adult patients



