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RE: Anti-Diabetic Medication Shortages

Multiple GLP-1 agonists are expected to be in short supply. In the event you are unable to obtain the member's current GLP-1 agonist through your wholesaler or another local pharmacy:

- Substitution with a different Tier-2 GLP-1 agonist may be considered. GLP-1 agonists in Tier-2 are Victoza® (liraglutide), Trulicity® (dulaglutide), and Byetta® (exenatide).
- Another option is substitution with a Tier-1 or Tier-2 DPP-4 inhibitor.
 - GLP-1 agonists and DPP-4 inhibitors have a very similar mechanism of action.
 - Tier-1 DPP-4 inhibitor-containing products include:
 - empagliflozin/linagliptin (Glyxambi®)
 - empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin ER (Trijardy® XR)
 - Tier-2 DPP-4 inhibitors and DPP-4 inhibitor-containing products include:
 - linagliptin (Tradjenta®) and linagliptin/metformin (Jentadueto®, Jentadueto® XR)
 - saxagliptin (Onglyza®) and saxagliptin/metformin (Kombiglyze®, Kombiglyze® XR)
 - sitagliptin (Januvia®) and sitagliptin/metformin (Janumet®, Janumet® XR)
 - Members will still be required to meet current clinical prior authorization (PA) criteria to be considered for a higher-tiered product. To avoid disruption in member's diabetic treatment, please do not submit PA requests for higher-tiered GLP-1 agonists if solely due to shortage or supply issues.

Complete PA criteria and the Anti-Diabetic Medications Tier chart can be found on the OHCA website at www.oklahoma.gov/ohca/pa in the "Diabetics/Endocrine" therapeutic category. Pharmacy PA forms can be found on the OHCA website at <https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/rxforms>.

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