



UnitedHealthcare Pharmacy  
Clinical Pharmacy Programs

Program Number	2021 P 1332-3
Program	Prior Authorization/Notification: Diabetes Medications – GLP-1 Receptor Agonists
Medication	Adlyxin (lixisenatide), Bydureon (exenatide extended-release), Bydureon BCise (exenatide extended-release), Byetta (exenatide), Ozempic (semaglutide), Rybelsus (semaglutide), Trulicity (dulaglutide), Victoza (liraglutide)
P&T Approval Date	10/2020, 11/2021
Effective Date	2/1/2022: Oxford only: 2/1/2022

**1. Background:**

Adlyxin (lixisenatide), Byetta (exenatide), Ozempic (semaglutide), Rybelsus (semaglutide), and Trulicity (dulaglutide), are indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus. Bydureon (exenatide extended-release), Bydureon BCise (exenatide extended-release), and Victoza (liraglutide) are indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in patients 10 years of age and older with type 2 diabetes mellitus. Ozempic, Trulicity and Victoza are also indicated to reduce the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events (cardiovascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction, or non-fatal stroke) in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus and established cardiovascular disease.

**2. Coverage Criteria:**

**A. Initial Authorization**

**1. Adlyxin, Bydureon, Bydureon BCise, Byetta, Ozempic, Rybelsus, Trulicity or Victoza** will be approved based on the following criterion:

- a. Diagnosis of type 2 diabetes mellitus

**Authorization will be issued for 12 months.**

**B. Reauthorization**

**1. Adlyxin, Bydureon, Bydureon BCise, Byetta, Ozempic, Rybelsus, Trulicity or Victoza** will be approved based on the following criterion:

- a. Documentation of positive clinical response to therapy

**Authorization will be issued for 12 months.**



**3. Additional Clinical Programs:**

- Notwithstanding Coverage Criteria, UnitedHealthcare may approve initial and re-authorization based solely on previous claim/medication history, diagnosis codes (ICD-10) and/or claim logic. Use of automated approval and re-approval processes varies by program and/or therapeutic class.
  - Supply limits may be in place.
  - Prior Authorization/Medical Necessity may be in place
  - Step Therapy may be in place

**4. References:**

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<b>Change Control</b>	
10/2020	New program.
3/2021	Administrative change to adjust Oxford effective date.
11/2021	Annual review. Updated references.