

# The Saxenda® Coverage Guide

## A guide to understanding cost and coverage for your adult patients

A 3-step process to help identify patients with Saxenda® coverage and help those without coverage gain access.



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## Indications and Usage

Saxenda® (liraglutide) injection 3 mg is indicated as an adjunct to a reduced-calorie diet and increased physical activity for chronic weight management in:

- Adult patients with an initial body mass index (BMI) of 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or greater (obese) or 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or greater (overweight) in the presence of at least one weight-related comorbid condition (eg, hypertension, type 2 diabetes mellitus, or dyslipidemia)
- Pediatric patients aged 12 years and older with body weight above 60 kg (132 lbs) and initial BMI corresponding to 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or greater for adults (obese) by international cut-offs

## Limitations of Use

- Saxenda® contains liraglutide and should not be coadministered with other liraglutide-containing products or with any other GLP-1 receptor agonist
- The safety and effectiveness of Saxenda® in pediatric patients with type 2 diabetes have not been established
- The safety and effectiveness of Saxenda® in combination with other products intended for weight loss, including prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, and herbal preparations, have not been established

## Important Safety Information

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

Liraglutide causes dose-dependent and treatment-duration-dependent thyroid C-cell tumors at clinically relevant exposures in both genders of rats and mice. It is unknown whether Saxenda® causes thyroid C-cell tumors, including medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC), in humans, as the human relevance of liraglutide-induced rodent thyroid C-cell tumors has not been determined.

Saxenda® is contraindicated in patients with a personal or family history of MTC and in patients with Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2 (MEN 2). Counsel patients regarding the potential risk of MTC with use of Saxenda® and inform them of symptoms of thyroid tumors (eg, 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 Saxenda®.



Please see additional Important Safety Information throughout.

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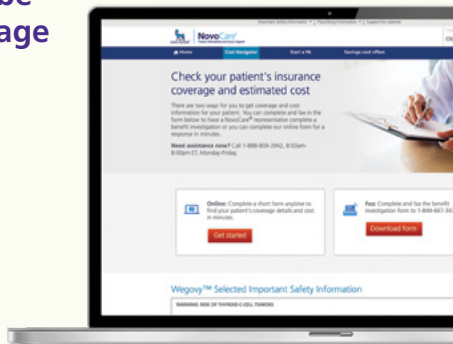
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# Verify pharmacy benefits in minutes

## On [SaxendaCoverage.com](https://www.saxendacoverage.com), you will be able to find out your patient's coverage and estimated out-of-pocket costs

You will be able to:

- Check your patient's coverage status in minutes
- Estimate your patient's co-pay amount even if a prior authorization (PA) is required
- Find restriction requirements and deductible information
- Check your patient's eligibility for savings offer



If there is no co-pay amount listed and a PA is required, this means your patient has coverage but the co-pay amount is unknown. If additional information on co-pay is needed, please complete the service request form available on NovoCare® and send it to the Hub.

## If your patient does not have insurance coverage for Saxenda®:

- Please complete the benefit verification process for the highest likelihood of PA approval
- Write a letter to the benefits manager of your patient's human resources (HR) department to request coverage or provide an exception. A sample letter is available at [Saxenda.com](https://www.saxenda.com)
- Have your patient check with their prescription insurance company to see if their coverage status has changed

## Important Safety Information (cont'd)

### Contraindications

Saxenda® is contraindicated in:

- Patients with a personal or family history of MTC or patients with MEN 2
- Patients with a serious hypersensitivity reaction to liraglutide or to any of the excipients in Saxenda®. Serious hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylactic reactions and angioedema have been reported with Saxenda®
- Pregnancy

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## Faster PAs, often in real time

### Once you have verified your patient's benefits, then you can initiate the prior authorization process

Novo Nordisk collaborates with CoverMyMeds to offer you a convenient way to navigate the PA process. You can initiate a PA by visiting [SaxendaCoverage.com](https://www.saxenda.com/coverage) or accessing an existing no cost covermymeds.com account or creating a new one:



Visit [covermymeds.com](https://www.covermymeds.com)



Call 1-866-452-5017

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### Benefits of ePA through CoverMyMeds

- Process requests for any medication and all plans
- Receive faster PA determinations, often in real time with live monitoring
- Submit PA renewals from previously submitted requests
- Offer appeal assistance, if needed

***A follow-up PA may be reauthorized at or around the 4-month appointment period to verify that the patient has achieved at least 4% loss of baseline body weight***

### Important Safety Information (cont'd)

#### Warnings and Precautions

- **Risk of Thyroid C-cell Tumors:** If serum calcitonin is measured and found to be elevated, the patient should be further evaluated. Patients with thyroid nodules noted on physical examination or neck imaging should also be further evaluated
- **Acute Pancreatitis:** Acute pancreatitis, including fatal and non-fatal hemorrhagic or necrotizing pancreatitis, has been observed in patients treated with liraglutide postmarketing. Observe patients carefully for signs and symptoms of pancreatitis (persistent severe abdominal pain, sometimes radiating to the back with or without vomiting). If pancreatitis is suspected, discontinue Saxenda<sup>®</sup> promptly and if pancreatitis is confirmed, do not restart

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# Prescribe Saxenda® and activate a savings card

## Once the PA is approved, your patients are ready to fill their Saxenda® prescription (and a prescription for the NovoFine® 32G Tip needles)

Here's what you can do to provide your patient with a Saxenda® Savings Card:

- Give your patients a Saxenda® Sample Kit, which includes access to Saxenda® savings and key information to get started
  - Contact your Novo Nordisk sales representative to receive a Patient Sample Kit
- Direct patients to visit [MySaxendaCard.com](https://www.novo-pi.com/saxenda) to obtain and/or activate a Saxenda® Savings offer before heading to the Pharmacy

**Patients with private or commercial insurance may pay as little as \$25 per 30-day supply (1 box) of Saxenda®.**

*Subject to a maximum savings of \$200 per 30-day supply, including patients who pay cash for their prescriptions.*

Eligibility and other restrictions apply. Novo Nordisk reserves the right to modify or cancel this program at any time.

**9 out of 10 patients with Saxenda® commercial coverage pay \$25 or less per prescription when a savings offer is applied<sup>a,b</sup>**

## SaxendaCare®

**When your patients activate a Saxenda® Savings Card online, they will automatically be enrolled in SaxendaCare®**

Designed to work along with Saxenda®, the Saxenda® Hotline offers free on-demand phone support to help you get started with treatment.

SaxendaCare® is designed to work along with Saxenda®, and the Saxenda® Hotline is free on-demand phone support to help your patients get started with Saxenda®, as a complement to your care.

<sup>a</sup>QVIA LAD 12 months ending February 2022.

<sup>b</sup>Data represents the final out-of-pocket costs per paid or reversed Saxenda® claim per 30-day prescription.

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## Important Safety Information (cont'd)

### Warnings and Precautions (cont'd)

- **Acute Gallbladder Disease:** Substantial or rapid weight loss can increase the risk of cholelithiasis; however, the incidence of acute gallbladder disease was greater in patients treated with Saxenda® than with placebo even after accounting for the degree of weight loss. If cholelithiasis is suspected, gallbladder studies and appropriate clinical follow-up are indicated

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- **Hypoglycemia:** Adult patients with type 2 diabetes on an insulin secretagogue (eg, a sulfonylurea) or insulin may have an increased risk of hypoglycemia, including severe hypoglycemia with use of Saxenda®. The risk may be lowered by a reduction in the dose of insulin secretagogues or insulin. In pediatric patients without type 2 diabetes, hypoglycemia occurred. Inform all patients of the risk of hypoglycemia and educate them on the signs and symptoms
- **Heart Rate Increase:** Mean increases in resting heart rate of 2 to 3 beats per minute (bpm) were observed in patients treated with Saxenda®. Monitor heart rate at regular intervals and inform patients to report palpitations or feelings of a racing heartbeat while at rest during treatment with Saxenda®. Discontinue Saxenda® in patients who experience a sustained increase in resting heart rate
- **Renal Impairment:** Acute renal failure and worsening of chronic renal failure, which may sometimes require hemodialysis, have been reported, usually in association with nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or dehydration. Use caution when initiating or escalating doses of Saxenda® in patients with renal impairment
- **Hypersensitivity Reactions:** Serious hypersensitivity reactions (eg, anaphylaxis and angioedema) have been reported in patients treated with Saxenda®. If a hypersensitivity reaction occurs, patients should stop taking Saxenda® and promptly seek medical advice
- **Suicidal Behavior and Ideation:** In adult clinical trials, 9 (0.3%) of 3,384 patients treated with Saxenda® and 2 (0.1%) of the 1,941 treated with placebo reported suicidal ideation; one of the Saxenda® treated patients attempted suicide. In a pediatric trial, 1 (0.8%) of the 125 Saxenda® treated patients died by suicide. There was insufficient information to establish a causal relationship to Saxenda®. Monitor patients for the emergence or worsening of depression, suicidal thoughts or behavior, and/or any unusual changes in mood or behavior. Discontinue treatment if patients experience suicidal thoughts or behaviors. Avoid Saxenda® in patients with a history of suicidal attempts or active suicidal ideation

### Adverse Reactions

- The most common adverse reactions, reported in  $\geq 5\%$  are nausea, diarrhea, constipation, vomiting, injection site reactions, headache, hypoglycemia, dyspepsia, fatigue, dizziness, abdominal pain, increased lipase, upper abdominal pain, pyrexia, and gastroenteritis

### Drug Interactions

- Saxenda® causes a delay of gastric emptying and has the potential to impact the absorption of concomitantly administered oral medications. Monitor for potential consequences of delayed absorption of oral medications concomitantly administered with Saxenda®

### Use in Specific Populations

- There are no data on the presence of liraglutide in human breast milk; liraglutide was present in the milk of lactating rats
- Saxenda® has not been studied in patients less than 12 years of age
- Saxenda® slows gastric emptying. Saxenda® has not been studied in patients with preexisting gastroparesis

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## Prescribing Saxenda® through your EHR system

Prescribe Saxenda® and NovoFine® 32G Tip needles through your EHR system, including the 4-week dose escalation, and schedule a 16-week follow-up visit.

### ePrescribing Information

#### Saxenda®

- Form/strength: **18 mg / 3 mL**
- Dispense quantity: **5 x 3 mL per box**
- Dosage form: **Solution, NDC 0169-2800-15**
- Dispense as written: **Check the dispense as written (DAW) box**

#### NovoFine® 32G Tip needle

- Quantity: **1 box (#100)**
- Dosage form: **Disposable needles, NDC 0169-1851-89**



Starting on Saxenda®—disp: 5 pens

sig: Week 1 0.6 mg SC once daily x 7 days

Week 2 1.2 mg SC once daily x 7 days

Week 3 1.8 mg SC once daily x 7 days

Week 4 2.4 mg SC once daily x 7 days

Week 5 3 mg SC once daily

Staying on Saxenda®—disp: 5 pens

sig: 3 mg SC once daily



EHR, electronic health record; SC, subcutaneous.

Visit [SaxendaCoverage.com](https://www.novo-pi.com/saxenda.pdf)

Need assistance now?

Call: **1-888-809-3942**

(8:00 AM to 8:00 PM ET, Monday - Friday)

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