

Ozempic (semaglutide) eligibility for Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT) health benefit programs

Effective February 7, 2024, Ozempic (semaglutide) was added to the NWT Drug Formulary's prior authorization drug list and will only be eligible when used to treat diabetes. Ozempic will require prior approval and the request will need to be submitted to Alberta Blue Cross® for assessment based on the coverage criteria.

Ozempic coverage criteria will be as follows:

"For the treatment of type 2 diabetes in combination with metformin alone, when diet and exercise plus maximal tolerated dose of metformin do not achieve adequate glycemic control."

For plan members currently on Ozempic with no other diabetes medication in their history

- Letters will be mailed to the plan members to advise them of the Ozempic coverage criteria.
- Plan members will have a grace period up to **June 1, 2024**.
- After **June 1, 2024**, Ozempic for non-diabetes treatment will no longer be eligible for coverage.

Plan members currently on Ozempic for diabetes treatment who have other diabetes medication in their coverage history will have continued coverage for Ozempic.

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations contact centre representative at

780-498-8370 (Edmonton and area)

403-294-4041 (Calgary and area)

1-800-361-9632 (toll free)

FAX 780-498-8406 (Edmonton and area)

FAX 1-877-305-9911 (toll free)

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