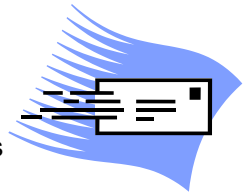




ManateeChoice Health Plan

Fast Facts



For more information, contact your Pharmacy Advocate, Dr. Chris Williams
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FAST FACTS is published by the Manatee Health Network (MHN) to provide Members with the opportunity to better understand medical conditions, various treatment options, and the impact of these options on member costs. **FAST FACTS** should be used in addition to the advice of your physicians, pharmacists, & other healthcare professionals.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Injectable Diabetes Medications

Over 20 millions American in the United States are living with diabetes. Roughly one third of these people have yet to be diagnosed. Type 2 diabetes is a condition that effects the way your body is able to metabolize glucose. In type 2 diabetes, the body cannot make enough insulin or is resistant to the effects of insulin that is produced. Untreated, the disease can lead to life threatening complications. Type 1 diabetes is characterized by the body's inability to produce enough insulin in the pancreas. Type 1 diabetes usually occurs earlier in life, but it can appear at any age.

There are different types of injectable diabetes medications available for type 1 and/or type 2 diabetes patients. Insulin is the most commonly used injectable diabetes medication. Type 1 diabetes always requires insulin use. People with type 2 diabetes may need insulin and/or another injectable medication. The following table displays available injectable diabetes medications.



Drug	Type of Diabetes Patients	How it Works	Additional Information
Insulin	Type 1 Always Type 2 Occasionally	Replace insulin in the body to control blood glucose levels	Should be carefully monitored as not to allow blood sugar to drop too low
Symlin	Type 1 and Type 2 patients on mealtime insulin therapy	Works in conjunction with insulin to regulate blood glucose levels after meals	Administer prior to meals. Should be carefully monitored as not to allow blood sugar to drop too low
Byetta	Type 2 Only	Administered before morning and evening meals. Helps your body make more of its own insulin	For patients not on insulin therapy The active ingredient, exenatide, is a synthetic form of a substance found in Gila monster saliva
Victoza	Type 2 Only	Administered once daily at any time. Helps your body make more of its own insulin	For patients not on insulin therapy

Ways to Save

- Members save on brand name prescription drugs when they fill them at MHN Preferred Network Pharmacies. The MHN Preferred Network includes all Sweetbay Pharmacies throughout Florida, as well as Foster Drugs and Pelots Pharmacy.



	MHN Preferred Pharmacy (Costs per Month)	Non-Preferred Pharmacy (Costs per Month)	Yearly Cost of using a Non-Preferred Pharmacy vs. MHN Preferred Pharmacy
Cost of Byetta	40% of the drug cost (Approximately \$90)	50% of the drug cost (Approximately \$110)	\$1320 (\$110 x 12 months) -\$1080 (\$90 x 12 months) =\$240 per year
Cost of Symlin	40% of the drug cost (Approximately \$80)	50% of the drug cost (Approximately \$100)	\$1200 (\$100 x 12 months) -\$960 (\$80 x 12 months) =\$240 per year
Cost of Victoza	40% of the drug cost (Approximately \$100)	50% of the drug cost (Approximately \$120)	\$1440 (\$120 x 12 months) -\$1200 (\$100 x 12 months) =\$240 per year

~Save \$240/ year by getting your medication filled at an MHN preferred pharmacy!~

What Is Prior Authorization?

Byetta, Symlin and Victoza all require prior authorization. Your doctor needs to contact the Manatee Clinical Pharmacist to provide the information required to complete the authorization. This process is intended to ensure the safe and appropriate use of the medication. Prior Authorizations may take up to 72 hours or longer, depending on response time from the prescribing physician. Call your Pharmacy Advocate, Dr. Chris Williams, for more information at 941-748-4501 Ext. 6406.



Manatee Health Disclaimer

The information in this newsletter is not a substitute for medical advice. It is for reference only and should not be used to determine treatment for your specific medical conditions-only a health care provider can do this. You should seek prompt medical care for any specific health issues and consult you physician regarding the use of over-the-counter products to treat any medical condition or consult your physician regarding the use of prescription or over-the-counter products to treat any medical condition or before starting any new diet, fitness, or supplement regimen.

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