

# PROVIDER ALERT

## Medicare Now Requires Prior Authorization for Prescribing GLPs

Effective January 1, 2024, Medicare requires prior authorization (PA) and quantity limits for all Glucagon-like-peptide (GLP) medications including those listed below:

- **Byetta\***
- **Bydureon\***
- **Mounjaro**
- **Ozempic**
- **Rybelsus**
- **Trulicity**
- **Victoza**
- **Zepbound\***

Alterwood Advantage will cover GLPs if the following Medicare approved requirements are met:

- The drug is prescribed for an FDA-approved indication.
  - *Please note that Medicare Part D does not cover medications for weight loss.*
- For treatment of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in a patient who had one of the following responses to Metformin:
  - Trial and failure
  - Contraindication
  - Intolerance

***\* Byetta, Bydureon, and Zepbound are currently non-formulary drugs. Prior to approval, trial and failure with other formulary GLPs will be required.***

If you have Alterwood Advantage members on these medications, please initiate a PA by calling our PBM, Elixir, at (667) 261-8050 and asking to speak with the Part D PA Department. Elixir will also be able to answer any questions regarding the above criteria.

For all other questions regarding this notice, please call Alterwood Advantage line at (667)262-9429 and ask to speak with the Health and Quality Management Department.