



STANDARDIZED ONE PAGE PHARMACY PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM

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[Pharmacy Prior Authorization - Mississippi Division of Medicaid \(ms.gov\)](http://Pharmacy Prior Authorization - Mississippi Division of Medicaid (ms.gov))

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[Mississippi Medical Assistance Portal for Providers > Home \(ms-medicaid-mesa.com\)](http://Mississippi Medical Assistance Portal for Providers > Home (ms-medicaid-mesa.com))

BENEFICIARY INFORMATION	
Beneficiary ID: _____ - _____ - _____	DOB: ____/____/____
Beneficiary Full Name: _____	
PRESCRIBER INFORMATION	
Prescriber's NPI: _____	
Prescriber's Full Name: _____	Phone: _____
Prescriber's Address: _____	FAX: _____
PHARMACY INFORMATION	
Pharmacy NPI: _____	
Pharmacy Name: _____	
Pharmacy Phone: _____	Pharmacy FAX: _____
CLINICAL INFORMATION	
Requested PA Start Date: _____ Requested PA End Date: _____	
Drug/Product Requested: _____ Strength: _____ Quantity: _____	
Days Supply: _____ RX Refills: _____ Diagnosis or ICD-10 Code(s): _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Discharge <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Medical Justification Attached	
Medications received through coupons and/or samples are not acceptable as justification.	
PLEASE COMPLETE AND FAX DRUG SPECIFIC CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FORM FOUND BELOW	
<i>Prescribing provider's signature (signature and date stamps, or the signature of anyone other than the provider, are not acceptable)</i>	
I certify that all information provided is accurate and appropriately documented in the patient's medical chart.	
Signature required: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of prescribing provider: _____	

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Prior Authorization Criteria

Select Covered Obesity Medications PA Criteria

While there are various medications with differing mechanisms of action that are FDA-approved to treat obesity, Mississippi Medicaid covers select agents for this condition. Coverage, subject to prior authorization, is outlined below.

Preferred: Saxenda or Wegovy for ages 12 and older

Non-Preferred: Xenical or orlistat for ages 12 and older

The following agents are not covered by Mississippi Medicaid:

Contrave – *This agent is not rebated through CMS.*

Qsymia – *This agent is not rebated through CMS.*

Phentermine, Evekeo/amphetamine – *These agents have not been shown to produce longer-term health benefits in patients who are obese or overweight.*

Coverage of select medications for the treatment of obesity will be limited to only one covered product at a given time. Mississippi Medicaid will not cover concurrent use of two or more agents for the treatment of obesity.

Mississippi Medicaid does not cover medications for treatment of obesity during pregnancy or for mothers who are breast-feeding.

Medicaid is the payer of last resort. In accordance with Medicaid's cost avoidance requirements, for members who have Medicare Part D as their primary coverage, all efforts through Medicare Part D should be exhausted up to and including an Appeal. Please submit a copy of the Appeal denial letter along with supporting clinical documentation and required PA forms for review for coverage by MS Medicaid. Please note: Medicaid does not cover Medicare Part D copay.

Note: Saxenda and Wegovy are GLP-1 agonists and should be avoided in patients with multiple endocrine neoplasia syndrome type 2 or a personal/family history of medullary thyroid carcinoma. They are contraindicated for concomitant use with other GLP-1 agonists or DPP-4 inhibitors.

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

1. BMI Calculator: <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/calculate-your-bmi>
2. BMI Chart: https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/sites/default/files/media/docs/bmi_tbl.pdf
3. CDC Growth Charts: <https://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/cdc-growth-charts.htm>
4. CDC Extended BMI for Age Growth Charts: <https://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/Extended-BMI-Charts.html>

The following criteria encompasses 3 phases of medication treatment of obesity:

- Initial authorization – Patient is evaluated for initiation of treatment. Patient must qualify for treatment based on BMI and/or BMI and other health conditions. A treatment plan is designed by the provider during this phase.
- Reauthorization – Patient is evaluated for continuation of treatment. The patient is making progress toward overcoming obesity and/or weight- related comorbidities.
- Maintenance – Patient has reached their goal BMI and treatment shifts toward maintaining the progress they have made.

Provider Information and Point of Contact:

Prescribing Provider’s Medicaid ID: _____

Office Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____ Ext. _____

I. Initial Authorization:

Duration: Saxenda, Wegovy: 6 months

A. Adults (18 year or older) – Saxenda or Wegovy

- BMI 30 or greater
- BMI 25 to 29 for Wegovy **OR** BMI 27 to 29 for Saxenda with at least one weight-related comorbidity:
 - Hypertension – Confirmed by claims history of antihypertensive medication.
 - Hyperlipidemia – Confirmed by:
 - Claims history of antihyperlipidemic medication, OR
 - If no medication history, lipid levels: Date of panel _____
Total Chol. _____ LDL _____ HDL _____ TG _____
 - Glucose dysregulation – Confirmed by:
 - Diabetes with history of glucose lowering medication OR
 - Pre-diabetes. Defined as:
 - Δ Fasting glucose ≥ 100 , Value _____ Date _____, OR
 - Δ 2-hour OGTT ≥ 140 , Value _____ Date _____, OR
 - Δ HbA1C $\geq 5.7\%$, Value _____ Date _____
 - Obstructive sleep apnea – Confirmed by prior sleep study.
 - Cardiovascular disease – coronary artery disease, heart failure, prior MI or CVA
 - Metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease [MASLD; formerly known as non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)]
 - Other _____
(attach detailed clinical justification)

B. Children (age 12 - 17 years) – Saxenda or Wegovy

Saxenda:

- Body weight above 60 kg, AND
- Initial BMI corresponding to 30 or greater for adults by international cut-offs

Wegovy:

- BMI at $\geq 95^{\text{th}}$ percentile for age and sex (see chart below)

Age (years)	BMI at 95% percentile		Age (years)	BMI at 95% percentile	
	Male	Female		Male	Female
12	24.2	25.2	15	26.8	28.1
12.5	24.7	25.7	15.5	27.2	28.5
13	25.1	26.3	16	27.5	28.9
13.5	25.3	26.8	16.5	27.9	29.3
14	26	27.2	17	28.2	29.6
14.5	26.4	27.7	17.5	28.6	30

*See above CDC link for BMI reference, i.e., z-scores and percentiles, for children.

****REQUIRED FOR ALL PATIENTS:**

Treatment Plan for Qualified Beneficiaries

Patient current BMI: _____

Patient current weight: _____ height: _____

Date of current weight: _____ Date of current height: _____

6 Month treatment goal BMI/weight: _____

Other non-scale treatment goals:

Treatment Plan Expected Duration: _____

Yes, No Has the patient been counseled on appropriate dietary choices and increasing physical activity appropriate to the patient's ability?

Yes, No Is the obesity treatment plan attached to this form as required?

II. Reauthorization – This phase encompasses the second authorization period.

Patient age: _____

Patient BMI at initial authorization: _____ Date of BMI at initial authorization: _____

Patient current BMI: _____ (If at goal or BMI < 25, see III. Maintenance below)

Patient weight at initial authorization: _____ Date of weight at initial authorization: _____

Patient current weight: _____ height: _____

Date of current weight: _____ Date of current height: _____

Did the patient reach the initial authorization treatment plan goal? Yes No

If no, provide clinical justification for continuation of current therapy. _____

Next 6 month treatment plan goals: _____

Yes, No Has the patient been counseled on appropriate dietary choices and increasing physical activity appropriate to the patient's ability?

Reauthorization to continue treatment is subject to the following:

Yes, No Has patient been adherent, as evidenced in paid pharmacy claims? Adherence is defined as 3 claims in the past 105 days.

(see next page for additional questions)

Yes, No Is the member tolerating the recommended target dose of 3 mg daily for Saxenda OR 1.7 mg or 2.4 mg weekly for Wegovy?

- Weight loss 5% or greater – Approve for additional 6 months.
- Weight loss 1-4% - May be approved 3 months if one of the following applies:
 - Titration schedule was delayed due to intolerance.
 - Titration was delayed by hospitalization or illness as documented by evidence of treatment in claims history.
 - Other non-scale treatment goal progress:

3 month treatment goal if approved:

Weight loss less than 1% - Deny reauthorization. Consider another covered agent.

III. Maintenance Reauthorization – 12 months

Patient age: _____

Patient BMI at initial authorization: _____ Date of BMI at initial authorization: _____

Patient current BMI: _____

Patient weight at initial authorization: _____ Date of weight at initial authorization: _____

Patient current weight: _____ height: _____

Date of current weight: _____ Date of current height: _____

Did the patient reach the treatment plan goal from last PA approval? Yes No

If no, provide clinical justification for continuation of current therapy. _____

Next 6-month treatment plan goals: _____

Yes, No Has the patient been counseled on appropriate dietary choices and increasing physical activity appropriate to the patient’s ability?

Yes, No Has patient been adherent, as evidenced in paid pharmacy claims? Adherence is defined as 3 claims in the past 105 days.

Yes, No Is the member tolerating the recommended target dose of 3 mg daily for Saxenda OR 1.7 mg or 2.4 mg weekly for Wegovy?

Yes, No Once goal BMI is achieved, has the member maintained a body weight within 15% of goal BMI.