

Help Your Medicare Part D Patients Pay Less for Insulin

We know patients may find it hard to manage their diabetes due to several factors. One important factor may be the cost of insulin. Starting Jan. 1, 2021, your Medicare Part D patients' copay for insulin* will be capped at \$35 for a one month (30-day) supply during their 2021 benefit year through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) Part D Senior Savings Model Program.

CMS Part D Senior Savings Model Program

This program addresses the need for lowering prescription drug costs by giving Medicare patients new choices from Part D plans that offer insulin at an affordable and predictable cost. A 30-day supply of an insulin drug included on a patient's formulary list will cost no more than a \$35 copay under this program starting Jan. 1.

Note: The lower copay does not apply to a member's catastrophic benefit phase, insulin administered through an insulin pump, or to syringes, lancets or other support products.

To get details about the Medicare Part D Senior Savings Model, go to the CMS website at: <https://innovation.cms.gov/innovation-models/part-d-savings-model>.

How You Can Help Your Patients

Making insulin affordable for patients promotes medication adherence. This lessens the possibility of higher costs due to hospital stays because of secondary effects that may occur when patients do not take their insulin as prescribed.

- Make sure your Part D patients check to see if the insulin they are taking is on their health plan's current list of insulin drugs included in the program. They can do this by going to our website at floridablue.com/medicare/find-a-form.
- The reduced copay only applies to insulin products on Florida Blue Medicare's approved drug list, which may change throughout the year. If your patient's insulin is not on their health plan's approved drug list, consider whether one of the insulin drugs on the list would be right for them.

More Information

For more information about Florida Blue Medicare's pharmacy programs, please refer to the provider manual at floridablue.com/providers and select **Manual for Physicians and Providers**.

*Plans cover different types and brands of insulin. It is important for your patient to check their plan formulary (drug list) to find their exact cost, starting in the deductible phase and going through the initial coverage and coverage gap phases of their Medicare drug benefit. The catastrophic phase of their Medicare drug coverage is not included.

We are proud to share that Florida Blue ranked #1 among health insurers for customer experience. You can count on us to continue providing great customer service to you, your patients and our members.*

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