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► **THIS IS A COPY OF A LETTER
WE'LL SEND TO YOUR
AFFECTED EMPLOYEES.**
*If you have questions, call your sales
representative or contracted agent*

May 30, 2023

Starting August 15, you'll need a prior authorization for some diabetes drugs.

Dear Member,

Our goal at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network is to provide our members with safe, high-quality prescription drug therapies. We continuously review prescription drugs to provide the best value for our members, control costs and make sure members are using the right drug for the right situation.

You or someone on your Blue Cross or BCN drug plan recently filled a prescription for <drug name>, a drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of Type 2 diabetes. Beginning **August 15, 2023**, your doctor will need to submit a prior authorization to show this medication is being used for Type 2 diabetes to continue coverage.

Some information about diabetes products is below.

Brand-name medication		FDA-approved indication	Coverage requirement
Bydureon® Byetta® Mounjaro® Ozempic®	Rybelsus® Trulicity® Victoza®	Type 2 diabetes	Coverage will require the following: 1. Being used for the treatment of Type 2 diabetes Or 2. Trial of one generic or preferred medication for the treatment of Type 2 diabetes

Here's what you need to do:

Starting August 15, ask your prescribing doctor to contact us to request a prior authorization for <drug name>. If we don't authorize the prescription in advance, we may not pay for it.

Here's what your doctor needs to do:

Request a prior authorization to show this medication is being used for Type 2 diabetes.

A complete list of included drugs and coverage requirements for all drug lists is available at bcbsm.com/druglists.

If you have any questions, call the Customer Service number on the back of your Blue Cross or BCN member ID card.

Sincerely,



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