

# **DRUG QUANTITY MANAGEMENT POLICY - PER DAYS**

**POLICY:** Diabetes – Trulicity Drug Quantity Management Policy – Per Days

• Trulicity® (dulaglutide subcutaneous injection – Eli Lilly)

**REVIEW DATE:** 10/30/2024

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#### **OVERVIEW**

Trulicity, a glucagon-like peptide 1 (GLP-1) agonist, is indicated: 1

- As an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adult and pediatric patients ≥ 10 years of age with type 2 diabetes mellitus.
- To reduce the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events
  (cardiovascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction or non-fatal stroke) in
  adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus who have established cardiovascular
  disease or multiple cardiovascular risk factors.

### Dosing

### Adult Dosing

The recommended initial dose of Trulicity is 0.75 mg administered subcutaneously (SC) once weekly (QW).<sup>1</sup> The dose should be increased to 1.5 mg SC QW for additional glycemic control. After 4 weeks on the current dose, may increase the dose in 1.5 mg increments if additional glycemic control is needed. The maximum dose of Trulicity is 4.5 mg SC QW.

Pediatric Dosing

The recommended initial dose of Trulicity is 0.75 mg SC QW.<sup>1</sup> The dose may be increased to the maximum dose of 1.5 mg SC QW after at least 4 weeks on the 0.75 mg dose, if additional glycemic control is needed.

### Missed Doses

If a dose of Trulicity is missed, the dose should be administered as soon as possible if there are at least 3 days (72 hours) until the next scheduled dose. If there are less than 3 days prior to the next scheduled dose, the missed dose should be skipped and administered on the regularly scheduled day. In either scenario, patients may then resume their regular dosing schedule. The day of administration can be changed if needed, provided the last dose was administered 3 or more days before the new day of administration.

## **Availability**

Trulicity is supplied as single-dose pens in cartons containing four pens each.<sup>1</sup> The pens are available in the following strengths:

- 0.75 mg/0.5 mL pen
- 1.5 mg/0.5 mL pen
- 3 mg/0.5 mL pen
- 4.5 mg/0.5 mL pen

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

This Drug Quantity Management program has been developed to promote the safe, effective, and economic use of Trulicity. There are no overrides to the Per Days quantity limits outlined below.

**Drug Quantity Limits** 

Product	Strength and Form	Retail Maximum Quantity Per 28 Days	Home Delivery Maximum Quantity Per 84 Days
Trulicity® (dulaglutide SC injection)	0.75 mg/0.5 mL pen	2 mL (4 pens)	6 mL (12 pens)
	1.5 mg/0.5 mL pen	2 mL (4 pens)	6 mL (12 pens)
	3 mg/0.5 mL pen	2 mL (4 pens)	6 mL (12 pens)
	4.5 mg/0.5 mL pen	2 mL (4 pens)	6 mL (12 pens)

SC - Subcutaneous.

Diabetes – Trulicity Drug Quantity Management Policy – Per Days product(s) is(are) covered as medically necessary when the following criteria is(are) met. Any other exception is considered not medically necessary.

### **CRITERIA**

### Trulicity (all strengths)

3 Pages - Cigna National Formulary Coverage - Policy: Diabetes - Trulicity Drug Quantity Management Policy - Per Days

No overrides recommended.

### **R**EFERENCES

1. Trulicity® subcutaneous injection [prescribing information]. Indianapolis, IN: Lilly; November 2022.

### **HISTORY**

Type of Revision	Summary of Changes	Review Date
New Policy	New policy created to add additional quantity limits to approve ONE claim collectively for ONE glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) agonist or GLP-1/glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide (GIP) agonist every 21 days at retail or home delivery. New clinical overrides apply to these limits. Existing "Per Days" quantity limits were not changed and no overrides apply.	07/17/2024
Early Annual Revision	The quantity limit of ONE claim of ONE glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) agonist or GLP-1/glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide (GIP) agonist to be dispensed every 21 days at retail or home delivery was removed from this policy (refer to the "Diabetes – Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Agonists Drug Quantity Management Policy – Claim Per Days" document for additional information).	10/30/2024

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