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# Financial Impact of GLP1/SGLT2 Therapy at a Population Level

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#### **Abbreviations**

SGLT2 Inhibitors

Sodium-Glucose Cotransporter-2 Inhibitor For slides, simply refer as SGLT2 GLP1 Agonists Glucagon-like Peptide-1 Agonists For slides, simply refer as GLP1

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## **Objectives**

- Review recent trends in diabetes and obesity prevalence among US adults
- Briefly consider benefits of GLP1's and SGLT2's for
  - Diabetes
  - Weight loss indication
- Review prices of GLP1's and SGLT's, and patient out of pocket expenses
- Consider cost-effectiveness of GLP1's and SGLT2's for diabetes and weight loss indication
- Review current coverage for GLP1's and SGLT2's by lines of business (Medicare, Medicaid, Commercial)
- Discuss cost impact of these agents and population strategies for using these drugs

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#### Population Basis for Using SGLT2 and GLP1 in Diabetes

- Exciting times for diabetes therapy!
- Clinical benefits beyond other second-line (after metformin) agents
  - Weight loss associated with both classes of drugs
  - Both classes improve glycemic control, reaching A1c goals
  - CV benefits, mortality benefits (both), renal and heart failure benefits (SGLT2)
- Low risk of hypoglycemia
- Clinical benefits: Relatively rapid onset
- What's not to like??
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    - High costs for payers (public and private)
    - High patient out of pocket expenses

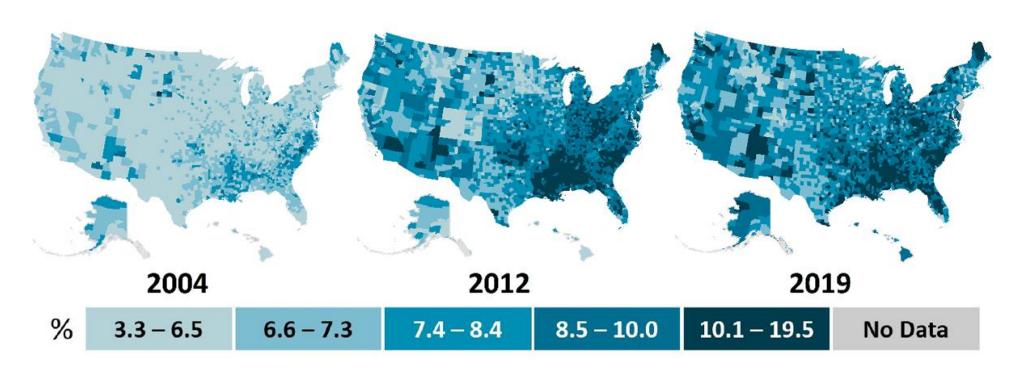
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Drug	Rank	2022 Expenditures	Percent Change from 2021
Semaglutide (Ozempic)	2	\$19.3B	79.1
Dulaglutide (Trulicity)	4	\$15.5B	26.6
Empagliflozin (Jardiance)	7	\$11.8B	47.2
Insulin glargine	9	\$9.3B	- 7.4
Sitagliptin (Januvia)	13	\$6.3B	- 2.0
Insulin aspart	14	\$6.0B	- 1.1
Dapagliflozin (Farxiga)	16	\$5.8B	51.5

Adapted from: Tichy et al: Am J Health-Syst Pharm 2023;80:899-913

#### Age Adjusted Prevalence (County) of DM (> 20 yrs age)

**CDC** Data

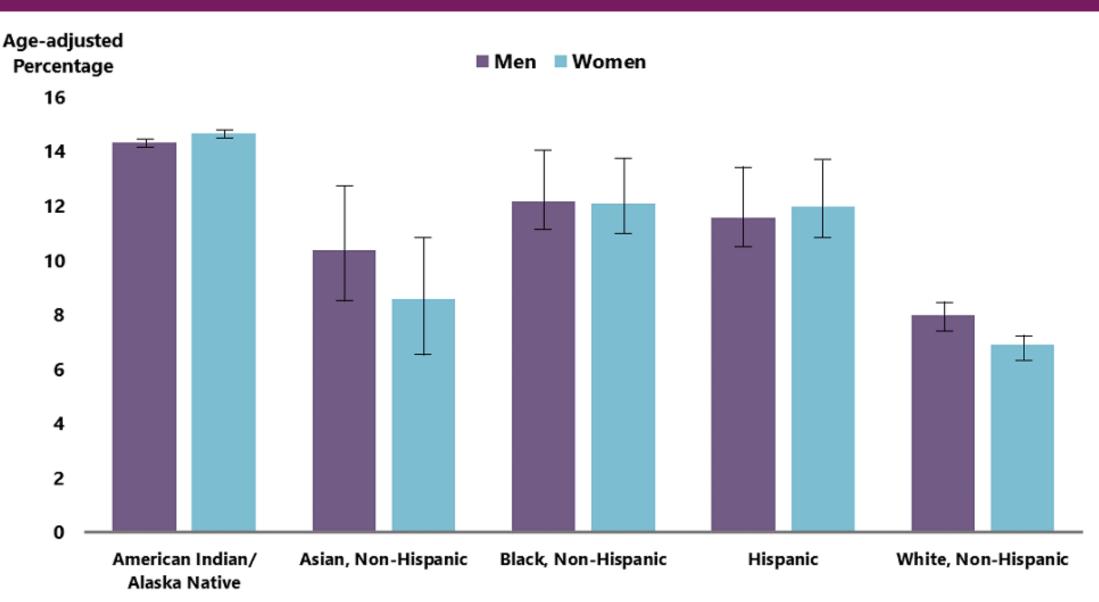


2021: 14.6% Adults with DM

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#### Age Adjusted US Prevalence of Diabetes (> 18 years) by Race (2019)

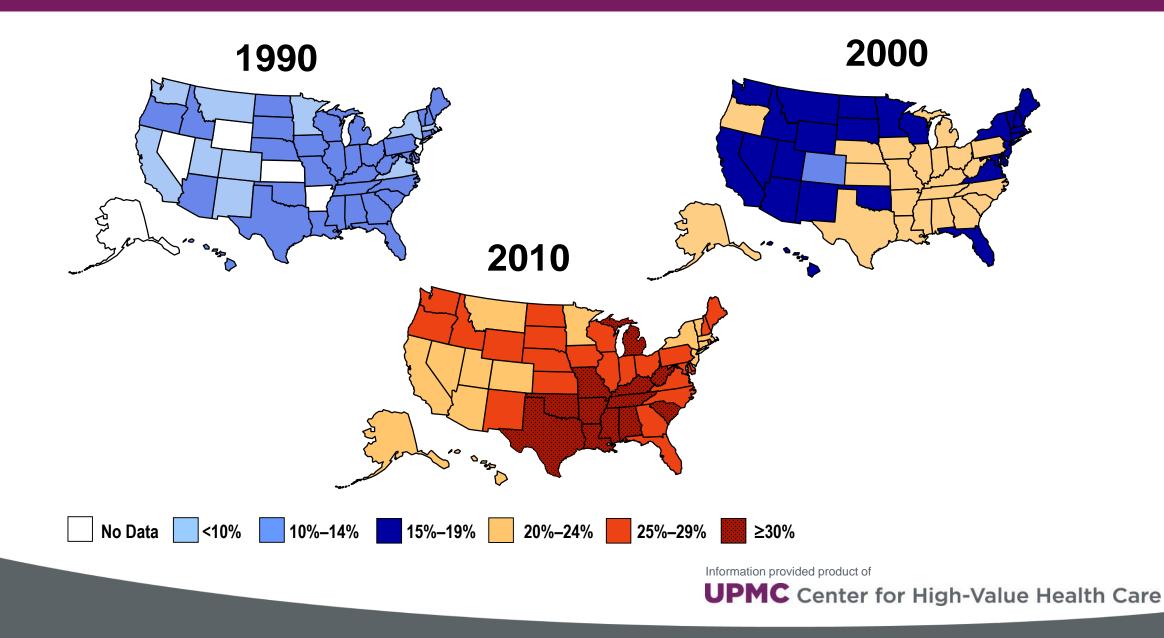
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Race-Ethnicity

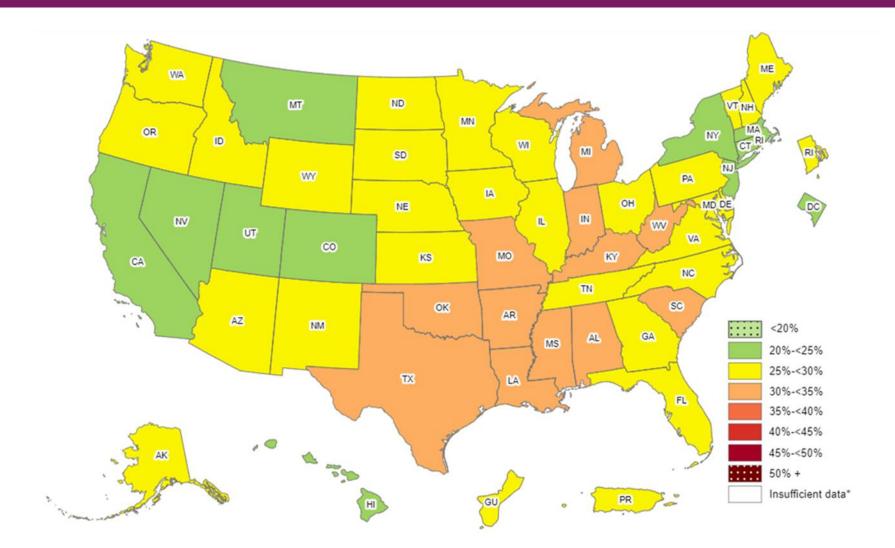
#### **Obesity Prevalence in US Adults, 1990-2010**

Data CDC



#### **Obesity Prevalence in US Adults, 2011**

Data CDC



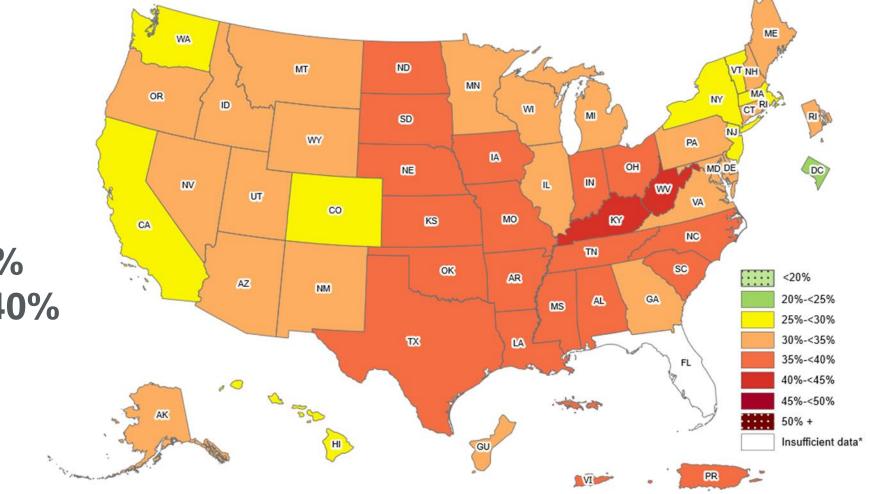
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#### **Obesity Prevalence in US Adults, 2021**

Data CDC

Range: CO, HI 25% KY, WV >40%

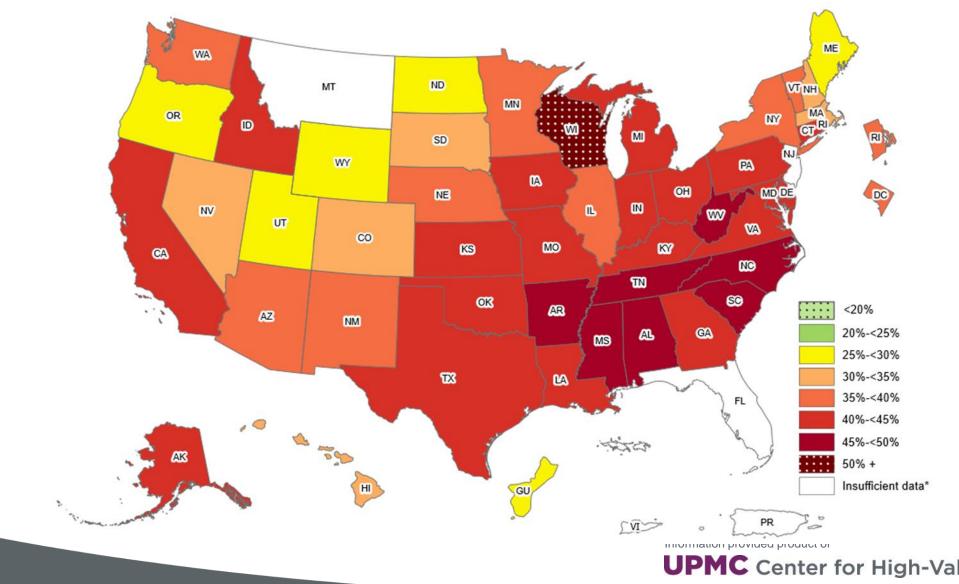
PA 33.3%



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#### **Obesity Prevalence in Non-Hispanic Black Adults, 2021**

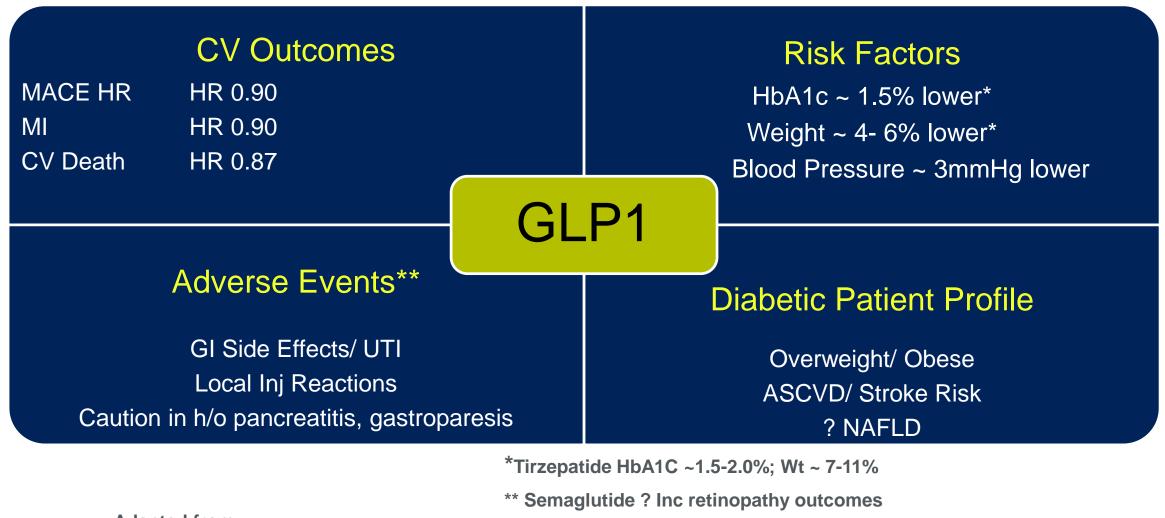
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	Risk Factors HbA1c ~ 0.5-1% lower Weight ~ 2 kg (BMI -0.7) lower** Blood Pressure ~ -3.6/1.7 lower***
Adverse Events	Diabetic Patient Profile
Genital Infections/ UTI	ASCVD/ CHF
Ketoacidosis	CKD
Dehydration	Overweight/ Obese

\*Adapted from: Bhattari et al: JAMA Network Open 2022; 5(1):32142078 \*\* Cheong et al: Obesity 2022; 30:117-128 \*\*\* Panagiotis et al: Diabetes Care 2019;42:693-700

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Adapted from: Marx et al: Circ 2022; 146: 1882-1894

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#### **Average Discount for Selected Drug Manufacturers, 2022**

	Average Change (net) 2021-2022	Average Discount (net)*
Eli Lilly	- 3.3%	65.0%
Janssen	- 3.5%	58.0%
Merck	+ 4.3%	39.7%
Novo Nordisk	- 10.5%	75.0%
Sanofi	- 0.4%	45.0%
Takeda	+ 2.7%	43.0%
UCB	- 3.3%	48.9%

\* Adapted from Drug Channels (<u>www.DrugChannels.net</u>) June 13, 2023- analysis of company reports

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#### **Prices for Newer Diabetes Medications (Estimates in Literature)**

	WAC	Good Rx	Net Price	% Discount Net*
Ozempic	\$930	\$906	\$290*; \$355**	69%*; 58%**
Wegovy	\$1349	\$1303	\$701*	48%
Trulicity	\$930	\$805		
Jardiance	\$593 (10 mg, 25 mg)	\$578	\$107.51**	80.4%

\* "Estimating the cost of new treatments for diabetes and obesity." American Enterprise Institute, Sept 2023 \*\* ICER : "Tirzepatide for Type 2 Diabetes" November 2021

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#### **Out of Pocket Expenses- Diabetes Medications (Estimates in Literature)**

	OOP (Medicare Advantage)*	Good Rx	Mfr Coupon (Insurance only)	Patient copay after coupon			
Ozempic	\$69	\$906	Monthly cap of \$150/ month co- pay**	\$25			
Wegovy	Not covered	\$1303	\$225 (Ins) \$500 (Self Pay)				
Trulicity	\$69	\$805	Monthly cap of \$150/month; \$1800/year***	\$25			
Jardiance	\$54	\$578		\$10			
*Luo et al: JAMA Network Open 2023; 6:e2317896 **Max 24 months							

\*\*\*Max 12 months

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#### **Cost Effectiveness of Newer Agents for Diabetes?**

- SGLT2
  - Unselected patient population
  - Established CVD
  - Established renal disease
  - Heart Failure
- GLP1
  - Unselected patient population
  - Established CV disease
  - Obesity

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#### Diabetes: SGLT Outcomes by Risk Category- NNT over 5 years (vs placebo)

Risk Category	All Cause Mortality NNT	CV Mortality NNT	Non-fatal MI NNT	ESRD NNT	HF Admission NNT
Very Low < 3 CV Risk Factors	333	500	250	1000	500
Moderate CVD	56	83	77	167	43
Very High CVD and CKD	25	42	48	26	17

Adapted from: Palmer et al: BMJ 2021; 372m4573

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#### Diabetes: GLP1 Outcomes by Risk Category- NNT over 5 years (vs placebo)

Risk Category	All Cause Mortality NNT	CV Mortality NNT	Non-fatal MI NNT	ESRD NNT	HF Admission NNT
Very Low < 3 CV Risk Factors	500	500	500	-	-
Moderate CVD	370	111	125	250	250
Very High CVD and CKD	42	56	77	34	91

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#### **Population Level Considerations**

- Diabetes- GLP1's and SGLT2's
  - Generally available in Medicare, Medicaid, and Commercial plans
    - Second line after metformin and lifestyle
    - Greatest benefit seen in those with indicated comorbidities
      - ASCVD
      - CHF
      - Renal disease
    - ICER- Cost/QALY less than \$100K/QALY for all agents
- Weight loss indication (GLP1 drugs, no diabetes)
  - Not covered in Medicare
  - Commercial plans- Some coverage
  - Medicaid- only a few states (including PA)
  - Some momentum to increase commercial coverage, and to expand to Medicare

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#### **Cost Effectiveness in for Weight Loss (GLP1)**

- ICER
  - BMI > 30 or BMI > 27 and one or more comorbidities (HTN, dyslipidemia, etc)
  - Non-diabetic
  - Semaglutide cost/QALY \$237,000
  - Liraglutide cost/QALY \$483,000
  - Semaglutide at \$7500/ year would be cost-effective at \$100,000 threshold
    - \$9700 at \$150,000 threshold
- Hu, et al (Ann Transl Med 2022)
  - Semaglutide cost/QALY \$135,467

#### **Coverage of GLP1 for Weight Loss Indication (without Diabetes)**

- State Medicaid coverage
  - 7 states (including Pennsylvania) cover GLP1 for weight loss
- Medicare- Currently prohibited by law for covering weight loss drugs
  - H.R. 4818- July 20, 2023: "Treat and Reduce Obesity Act of 2023"
    - Cover weight loss medications for obesity (BMI > 30) or weight management for overweight and at least one co-morbidity
    - Bill has not been enacted yet

#### **Coverage of GLP1 for Weight Loss Indication (without Diabetes)**

- Recent NEJM Analysis for Medicare coverage of weight loss drugs\*
  - Annual cost to Medicare estimated \$13B to \$25B/ year (range of use of GLP1 5-10%)
  - Annual cost would increase Medicare Part D spending by 25%

### Cost to Medicare, 41.5% Obesity Rate US > 60 Years Old

% Use Semaglutide (wt loss)	Cost to Medicare	% of Medicare D Spending
1	\$2.68 B	1.8%
5	\$13.4 B	9.2%
10	\$26.8 B	18.5%

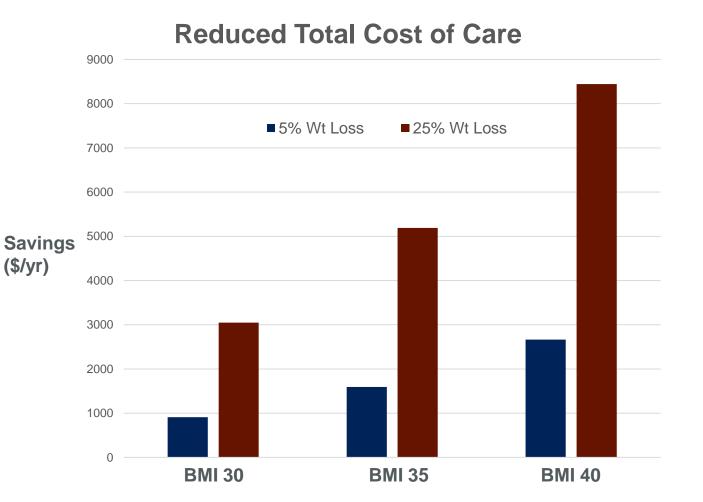
\* Baig et al: NEJM 2023; 388:961-963- table adapted from data presented

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#### **Cost Effectiveness in Diabetes- Impact of Weight Loss**

- Using MEPS data, Thorpe et al predicted savings in medical expenditures
  - Greater BMI associated with greater savings
  - Greater weight loss associated with greater savings

Thorpe et al: JOEM Volume 63, Number 10, October 2021



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#### **Prime Therapeutics Study- Impact of GLP1's for Weight Loss**

- RWE- patients taking GLP1 for wt loss (no diabetes)
  - Propensity matched TCOC for all patients initiating GLP1 for wt loss: \$7,727 PMPY higher
  - 68% who started GLP1 were no longer taking at 1 year
  - Adherence was poor-just 27% were adherent through the first year
    - Matched TCOC in adherent was \$13,218 higher PMPY
      - Pre and post PMPY increased from \$13,048 to \$25,850
        - » Matched cohort pre and post PMPY went from \$11,955 to \$11,539
  - Estimated that a 1% used in patient population would increase PMPM by \$14.50, and increase the entire drug spend budget by 5%

https://www.primetherapeutics.com/news/real-world-analysis-of-glp-1a-drugs-for-weight-lossfinds-low-adherence-and-increased-cost-in-first-year/

#### 70 drugs under development- Will this drive competition?

Mechanism of Action	# Drugs in Development	# Drugs Already Approved	Example
GLP-1r Agonist	13	2	Semaglutide (Weygovy)
GLP-1r/GIP-r Dual Agonist	7	0	Tirzepatide (not yet approved)
GLP-1r/GCG-r Dual Agonist	5	0	
GLP-1r/CIP-r/GCG-r Triple Agonist	2	0	Retatrutide

GLP= Glucagon-like peptide GIP= Glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide GCG= Glucagon receptor Adapted from: Stat Obesity Drug Tracker
https://www.statnews.com/2023/09/12/new-weight-loss-drug-tracker

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As of 7/27/2022

#### **UPMC Health Plan- Formulary Status of SLGT2 Drugs**

		Commercial /ACA			Medicare Advantage			Medicaid	
Drug	Brand	Formulary?	PA?	Tier	Formulary?	PA?	Tier	Formulary?	PA?
Bexagliflozin	Brenzavvy	Νο	-	-	Νο	-	-	Νο	-
Canagliflozin	Invokana	Νο	-	-	Νο	-	-	Yes	No
Dapagliflozin	Farxiga	Yes	Νο	Tier 2	Yes	Νο	Tier 2	Yes	Νο
Empagliflozin	Jardiance	Yes	Νο	Tier 2	Yes	No	Tier 2	Yes	No
Ertugliflozin	Steglatro	Νο	-	-	Νο	-	-	Νο	-

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#### UPMC Health Plan- Formulary Status of GLP1, GLP1/GIP Drugs

		Commercial /ACA			Medicare Advantage			Medicaid	
Drug	Brand	Formulary?	PA?	Tier	Formulary?	PA?	Tier	Formulary?	PA?
Semaglutide	Wegovy	Νο	-	-	Νο	-	-	Yes	-
Dulaglutide	Trulicity	Yes	Yes	Tier 2	Yes	Yes	Tier 2	Yes	Yes
Exenetide	Bydureon Byetta	Νο	-	-	Νο	-	-	Νο	-
Semaglutide Inj	Ozempic	Yes	Yes	Tier 2	Yes	Yes	Tier 2	Νο	-
Semaglutide Oral	Rybelsus	Yes	Yes	Tier 2	Yes	Yes	Tier 2	Νο	-
Liraglutide	Victoza	Yes	Yes	Tier 2	Yes	Yes	Tier 2	Yes	Yes
Tirzepatide	Mounjaro	Yes	Yes	Tier 2	Yes	Yes	Tier 2	Νο	-

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#### Population Strategies for Using SGLT2 and GLP1 Drugs

- Diabetes
  - Although both SGLT2's and GLP1's are cost-effective, budget impact in short term is significant
  - Population strategies include:
    - Identify those patients most likely to benefit (selected comorbidities) to target
    - Federal measures to lower cost of agents (IRA, etc)
      - –Both dapagliflozin and empagliflozin in 1<sup>st</sup> 10 drugs for negotiation
    - Standard formulary strategies (preferred agents, etc); valuebased contracting
    - Attention to SDOH and racial variation

- Weight Loss without diabetes (GLP1's)
  - For an unselected obese patient population, not cost-effective
  - Given the enormity of the problem of obesity, even if cost of GLP1's is lowered, the budget impact make broad coverage challenging
  - More research needed to identify:
    - Patients most likely to benefit from weight loss (BMI, comorbidities, etc).
  - Consider innovative contracting options
  - Hope that competition with agents being approved will significantly lower costs
  - Attention to SDOH and racial variation

# **QUESTIONS?**

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