# Patient Assurance Program

The **Patient Assurance Program** is intended to counteract the escalating costs of diabetic and cardiovascular drug therapy. This program is for Excellus BlueCross BlueShield commercial and individual exchange members* starting **January 1, 2021**.




**If you are part of a group health plan, please contact your health plan representative to see if your employer group is participating in this program.*

Members will pay no more than $25 per 30 days for eligible Tier 2 diabetic and cardiovascular drugs. Up to $50 is provided by manufacturer assistance and, in some instances, a discount by Excellus BCBS.

**Q: What are some examples of how the program works?**

<u>If you have a flat copayment benefit:</u>

- John has a flat copayment of $75 per month
  - $50 manufacturer assistance is provided, and John pays only $25

<u>If you have a co-insurance benefit</u>

- Anne has a 20% co-insurance and drug cost is $500
  - Normal cost share would be $100
  - $50 manufacturer assistance is provided
  - $25 Excellus BCBS assistance is provided
  - Anne pays only $25

<u>If you have a deductible benefit</u>

- Susan has a $300 deductible and a Tier 2-diabetic drug copay of $50, and is still in her deductible phase
  - Deductible is bypassed
  - $25 manufacturer assistance is provided, and Susan pays only $25
- Steve has a $300 deductible and a Tier 2-diabetic drug copay of $50, and is out of his deductible phase
  - $25 manufacturer assistance is provided, and Steve pays only $25

**Q: What are some exclusions from the program?**

- Health Savings Account-qualified High Deductible Health Plans
- Benefit plans where a member has a flat diabetic copay of less than or equal to $25



**Please see the chart below for the drugs* included in the program.**

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| Patient Assurance Program Included Drugs | | | | |
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| **Category** | **3-Tier Formulary** | **Preferred Value Formulary** | **National Preferred Formulary** | **Small Employer Group Plans, Direct Pay Metal Plans and College Blue Plan Formulary** |
| **Cardiovascular** | Eliquis | Eliquis | Eliquis | Eliquis |
| **GLP1** | Trulicity<br>Mounjaro<br>Rybelsus<br>Ozempic Syringe | Trulicity<br>Mounjaro<br>Rybelsus<br>Ozempic Syringe | Trulicity<br>Mounjaro<br>Rybelsus<br>Ozempic Syringe<br>Wegovy | Trulicity<br>Mounjaro<br>Rybelsus<br>Ozempic Syringe |
| **SGLT2** | Xigduo XR | Xigduo XR | Jardiance<br>Synjardy/XR<br>Xigduo XR | Xigduo XR |
| **DPP4** | Tradjenta<br>Jentadueto/XR | Tradjenta<br>Jentadueto/XR | | Tradjenta<br>Jentadueto/XR |
| **SGLT2/DPP4 combo** | Glyxambi<br>Trijardy/XR | Glyxambi<br>Trijardy/XR | Glyxambi<br>Trijardy/XR | Glyxambi<br>Trijardy/XR |
| **Basal Insulin** | Insulin Glargine - YFGN | Insulin Glargine - YFGN | Semglee-YGFN | Insulin Glargine - YFGN |
| **Rapid Acting Insulin** | Humalog<br>Insulin Lispro Pen | Humalog<br>Insulin Lispro Pen | Humalog<br>Insulin Lispro Pen<br>Lyumjev | Humalog<br>Insulin Lispro Pen |
| **Miscellaneous Insulin** | Humulin | Humulin | Humulin | Humulin |

Effective 7.1.26 - The drug list is subject to change at any time.