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Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus (Empire) Hot Tip: Diabetes

Your Empire patients on nonpreferred products will experience a pharmacy claim rejection. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, please consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible.

Therapeutic class	Nonpreferred products	Preferred products
Insulin ¹	<p>Short-acting Novolog, Humalog, Fiasp, Apidra, Afrezza</p> <p>Long-acting Lantus, Levemir, Toujeo, Tresiba</p>	<p>Short-acting Admelog</p> <p>Long-acting Basaglar</p> <p>Mixes Novolog Mix, Humalog Mix</p>
GLP-1s ³	Adlyxin, Bydureon, Byetta, Trulicity, Tanzeum	Victoza, Ozempic
GLP-1/long-acting insulin combo ⁴	Xultophy, Soliqua	
DPP4-s ³	<p>Kombiglyze XR, Onglyza, Jentadueto, Jentadueto XR, Tradjenta</p> <p>Kazano <i>Generic: Alogliptin-Metformin</i>²</p> <p>Nesina <i>Generic: Alogliptin</i>²</p> <p>Oseni <i>Generic: Alogliptin-Pioglitazon</i>²</p>	Januvia, Janumet, Janumet XR
SGLT2 ³	Farxiga, Invokana, Invokamet, Invokamet XR, Segluromet, Streglatro, Xigduo XR	Jardiance, Synjardy, Synjardy XR
SGLT2/DPP-4 Combo ⁴	Glyxambi, Qtern, Steglujan	
TZDs ³	Actos, Actoplus Met, Actoplus Met XR, Avandia, Avandamet, Duetact	<p>Pioglitazone <i>Brand name: Actos</i></p> <p>Pioglitazone-Metformin <i>Brand name: Actoplus Met</i></p> <p>Pioglitazone-Glimepiride <i>Brand name: Duetact</i></p>
<p>1 Insulin quantities are limited to 30 ml/30 days. 2 Neither brand nor generic formulations are covered.</p>		

3 All agents have step therapy through Metformin unless contraindicated; TZDs have step therapy through Metformin and one preferred drug within any of the following classes: DPP4s, GLP-1s, SGLT2s.
4 Combination agents require trial of individual agents and rationale regarding necessity of combination product.

If you have questions regarding this *Hot Tip*, please call Provider Services at **1-800-450-8753**.

Preferred Drug List:

<https://medproviders.empireblue.com/ny/pages/formularies.aspx>

www.empireblue.com/nymedicaidoc

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