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TO: Commonwealth of Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacy Network
FROM: MedImpact Healthcare Systems
Subject: **DPP-4 and GLP-1 Agonist Concurrent Use Hard Edit**

Status: Effective August 29, 2025, the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) will implement a hard edit for the concurrent use of the glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) agonist and dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) inhibitor drug classes. This update will no longer permit the soft edit override with professional pharmacy services (PPS) codes.

According to the most recent American Diabetes Association (ADA) guidelines, combination therapy with GLP-1 agonists and DPP-4 inhibitors is not recommended due to a lack of added clinical benefit. While the combination may not be harmful for most patients, it is not more effective. To align with current guidelines, DMS will not cover concurrent use of a GLP-1 agonist and DPP-4 inhibitor.

What this means:

- Claims for a GLP-1 agonist (e.g., Ozempic, Trulicity, Mounjaro) will deny if there is an active claim for a DPP-4 inhibitor (e.g., Januvia, Tradjenta) for the same member.
- Similarly, claims for a DPP-4 inhibitor will deny if there is an active claim for a GLP-1 agonist for the same member.
- Denials cannot be overridden at point-of-sale and exception requests will be dismissed.
- A one-time transition per drug class will be allowed to support members switching from one class to another by prior authorization (PA).

For quantity limits and PA criteria, please refer to the MedImpact Provider Portal at: <https://kyportal.medimpact.com/provider-documents/drug-information>.

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