

## INSULINS- IMPORTANT NOTICE and Formulary Changes

In accordance with the ***Inflation Reduction Act of 2022***, starting January 1, 2023, a member will never pay more than \$35 for a one-month supply of each insulin product covered by our plan, no matter what cost-sharing tier it's on and this is applicable throughout all coverage stages.

There are changes to our Formulary Insulins. In order to minimize member disruption in the new year, please note the following changes to our Formulary Insulins for 2023. Because we have a significant number of patients who are currently on **Lantus**, please consider transitioning the patient to a formulary alternative effective 1/01/2023.

	2022	2023
<b>Basal Insulins</b>	LANTUS, TOUJEO, TRESIBA	<b>SEMGLEE-YFGN, LEVEMIR, TRESIBA</b>
<b>Regular/Rapid-Acting Insulins</b>	NOVOLIN/NOVOLOG and HUMULIN/HUMALOG	<b>HUMULIN/HUMALOG only</b>

Following is important information regarding ***Semglee (insulin glargine-yfgn U-100)***, which was the first "**interchangeable**" biosimilar on the market and is the interchangeable biosimilar for LANTUS.

Biosimilars are not generics because it is not possible to create an exact copy of the original, or "reference," biologic. That is because biologics are made from living organisms and contain larger, more complex molecules than most traditional drugs.

Biosimilars have to show similar safety, purity, and potency as the reference biologic.

An "interchangeable" biosimilar is **also shown to give the same CLINICAL result**.

***Semglee-yfgn*** is the first biosimilar to have this kind of evidence. It provides similar A1C lowering at 6 months compared to *Lantus*, with a similar rate of hypoglycemia. Therefore, an interchangeable biosimilar CAN often be automatically substituted without a new Rx, just like a generic can.

The "-yfgn" suffix on Semglee-yfgn is the indication that it is interchangeable with Lantus.

Your patient's pharmacy may still require the pharmacist to contact you before substituting an interchangeable biosimilar or to inform you or your patient if the substitution is made.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Pharmacy Department at 305-422-9300, option 4.

Thank you,

Doctors HealthCare Plans, Inc

Pharmacy Department