



# Cheapest GLP-1 Options in 2026

An evidence-informed overview of approved and compounded GLP-1 cost tiers, insurance strategies, and access pathways.

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## Executive Summary

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ✓ Brand-name GLP-1 medications list for approximately \$1,000–\$1,350 per month without insurance
- ✓ Compounded semaglutide is available at \$150–\$400/month but carries FDA caveats
- ✓ Manufacturer savings programs can reduce brand-name costs significantly
- ✓ Insurance coverage varies widely — prior authorization is common
- ✓ Telehealth programs offer streamlined access with compounded or brand-name options
- ✓ Always verify prescriber credentials, pharmacy legitimacy, and medication sourcing

#### BRAND WEGOVY (LIST)

**~\$1,350/mo**

Without insurance

#### BRAND ZEPBOUND (LIST)

**~\$1,060/mo**

Without insurance

#### COMPOUNDED SEMAGLUTIDE

**\$150–\$400/mo**

Varies by provider/dose

#### SAVINGS PROGRAM EST.

**\$25–\$500/mo**

Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk programs

#### GENERIC TIMELINE

**2026 Expected**

Generic semaglutide

#### TELEHEALTH PROGRAMS

**From ~\$199/mo**

Varies by provider

## Brand-Name Pricing

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- **Wegovy (semaglutide 2.4 mg):** approximately \$1,349/month
- **Zepbound (tirzepatide):** approximately \$1,060/month
- **Ozempic (semaglutide, T2D):** approximately \$985/month

## Compounded Semaglutide

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Compounded semaglutide has been available at \$150–\$400/month. The FDA declared semaglutide no longer in shortage in 2024, which limits the legal basis for most compounding. Compounded medications are not FDA-approved.

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