Non-formulary **Exenatide (Byetta)** will be covered on the prescription drug benefit when the following criteria are met:

1. Diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus type 2 (DM 2) on Problem List
   
   - **AND** -

2. Intolerance to preferred GLP-1 agonist exenatide XR (Bydureon or Bydureon BCise) which are also CBC (require prior authorization)
   
   - **AND** -

3. Recent HbA1c (within 2 months prior to prescribing) between 7 and 9
   
   - **AND** -

4. On maximum dose for at least 3 months of 1 of the following 2 drug combinations:
   Metformin (2000-2550 mg/day) and sulfonylurea (glipizide 20-40 mg/day or equivalent)
Metformin (2000-2550 mg/day) and pioglitazone (45 mg/day)

   - **AND** -

5. Prior inadequate response to insulin despite optimal dosing (total daily insulin dose of 1.5 units per kilogram)

   - **OR** -

6. Use in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus that experience recurrent nocturnal hypoglycemia (low blood sugar at night) with basal insulin defined as: 3 or more episodes of nocturnal CBG (capillary blood glucose at night) less than 70 over the preceding 30 days that persists despite insulin [NPH THEN glargine] dose reduction

   - **OR** -

7. Use in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus on basal insulin that experience any episode of severe hypoglycemia defined as: hypoglycemia resulting in seizures, loss of consciousness, episode necessitating assistance from someone else, EMT (emergency medical technician), and/or use of glucagon (medication used to raise the concentration of glucose in the blood)

   - **OR** -

8. Dose change only: Patient previously met criteria and is already taking the drug

**Conversion criteria:**
*Discontinue Byetta if A1c goal is not met within 6 months of starting it.*