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GLP-1 Coaching in Atlanta: Heat, Traffic Commutes and Strength Training — What a Coach Does Alongside Your Prescriber

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The medicines, briefly

GLP-1 receptor agonists mimic a gut hormone involved in appetite and blood-sugar control; tirzepatide also acts on GIP receptors. FDA-approved US products include semaglutide (Ozempic, Wegovy, Rybelsus) and tirzepatide (Mounjaro, Zepbound) for labelled indications ([Drugs@FDA](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/daf/)). STEP-1 and SURMOUNT-1 showed average weight loss greater than placebo alongside lifestyle support ([Wilding et al., NEJM 2021](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33567185/); [Jastreboff et al., NEJM 2022](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35658024/)). Individual results vary.

Atlanta-specific habit frictions

Heat and medicines. CDC notes that some medicines raise heat-illness risk ([CDC Heat and Medications](https://www.cdc.gov/heat-health/hcp/clinical-guidance/heat-and-medications-guidance-for-clinicians.html)). Pair that with GLP-1 labels that warn about GI side effects and dehydration-related kidney injury ([Wegovy PI](https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/drugInfo.cfm?setid=ee06186f-2aa3-4990-a760-757579d8f77b); [Zepbound PI](https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/drugInfo.cfm?setid=487cd7e7-434c-4925-99fa-aa80b1cc776b)). A coach can suggest earlier outdoor walks, shade, and fluid routines — and refer promptly if vomiting, dizziness or inability to keep fluids down appears. **Commute eating.** Long I-285 / downtown drives wipe out planned lunches. The 2025 joint advisory from ACLM, ASN, OMA and TOS emphasises nutrient-dense food, adequate protein, smaller meals and eating slowly ([Mozaffarian et al., 2025](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajcnut.2025.04.023)). Packable protein and a scheduled eating window beat "I'll eat when I get home". **Protect muscle.** A meaningful share of weight lost on GLP-1-based therapies can be lean tissue ([Neeland et al., 2024](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/38937282/)). US guidelines call for

muscle-strengthening on two or more days a week ([Physical Activity Guidelines](https://odphp.health.gov/our-work/nutrition-physical-activity/physical-activity-guidelines)). Calendar two short sessions like meetings.

An Atlanta GLP-1 coaching playbook (habit layer only)

1. One commuting meal plan the client can execute without a kitchen. 2. Two strength sessions per week, progressed slowly. 3. Summer outdoor activity moved earlier or indoors. 4. Weekly check on nausea, constipation, dizziness — medical symptoms go to the prescriber, not the coach. 5. No dose talk, no sourcing, no compounded "workaround" pitches. FDA's 1 Apr 2026 update states tirzepatide and semaglutide do not currently appear on the 503B bulks list or FDA's drug shortage list ([FDA](https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-alerts-and-statements/fda-clarifies-policies-compounders-national-glp-1-supply-begin

Red flags: refer, don't coach

Persistent vomiting, inability to keep fluids down, severe abdominal pain, fainting, chest pain, or any symptom the client fears — contact the prescriber or urgent care.

What a coach must never do

- Suggest a dose, a dose change or skipping a dose. - Source, resell or recommend pens, vials, compounded products or "research" peptides. - Interpret labs or CGM traces as a diagnosis. - Promise a weight number or a timeline. Scope reference: [NBHWC scope of practice](https://nbhwc.org/scope-of-practice/).

Want to coach this? LetsGo Academy

[Level 1](/academy) is free. Level 3 (US$300) covers GLP-1 foundations and evidence quality. Level 4 (US$500) covers working alongside a prescriber and US state scope. Level 5 (US$500) covers jurisdiction case studies. Profile: /coach. We do not promise income or client results.

Common Atlanta client questions

- *"Can I keep outdoor training at noon in July?"* "We'll move hard work earlier and watch fluids. Heat-plus-medicine questions go to your clinician." - *"Where do I get compounded tirzepatide cheaper?"* "I don't source medicines. Ask your prescriber and pharmacist." - *"I skip lunch on I-285 days."* "Let's build a bag-friendly protein option and a fluid target before you leave home." - *"Should I pause my dose for a wedding weekend?"* "Dose changes are your prescriber's call only."

A weekly check-in template (habit layer)

1. Protein: did planned meals survive traffic and late meetings? 2. Strength: two sessions completed? 3. Heat plan: outdoor minutes moved earlier when needed? 4. Fluids: any day you could not keep fluids down? 5. Referral: any symptoms for the doctor?

Scope reminder for Georgia coaches

Health coaching is generally not a state-licensed profession, but practising medicine, pharmacy, dietetics and physical therapy are regulated. Write a one-paragraph scope statement. Use [NBHWC](https://nbhwc.org/scope-of-practice/) language and our [US state coach scope](/academy/level-4/us-state-coach-scope) module.

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