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Expanding Access to Continuous Glucose Monitors

Policy Summary:

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) has made continuous glucose monitors (CGMs) available through pharmacies. CGMs previously were available only through durable medical equipment providers. This change has been made to allow for faster and easier access for patients. Pharmacies will be reimbursed for CGMs using the established reimbursement methodology for prescribed drugs, which is the lowest of:

- a. The National Drug Average Acquisition Cost (NADAC) + \$11.13 professional dispensing fee;
- b. The Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) + 0% + \$11.13 professional dispensing fee;
- c. The State Maximum Allowable Cost (SMAC) + \$11.13 professional dispensing fee;
- d. The Federal Upper Limit (FUL) + \$11.13 professional dispensing fee;
- e. AWP-19% + \$11.13 professional dispensing fee;
- f. Submitted Ingredient Cost + Submitted dispensing fee;
- g. The provider's Usual and Customary (U&C) charges; or
- h. The Gross Amount Due (GAD).

With this expansion, AHS has also streamlined the prior authorization (PA) process through its pharmacy benefits manager, Change Healthcare. [Criteria and prior authorization forms have been posted on the Department of Vermont Health Access website](#). Regardless of whether you choose to use the retail pharmacy channel or the DME channel, all PA requests must be submitted via fax to Change Healthcare at 844-679-5366. Prior authorization is required for both new and existing patients and will apply to all CGM supplies including transmitters, receivers, and sensors. Please note that many new devices do not require the use of a separate receiver, and patients may prefer to use a "smart device" such as a cell phone, in lieu of a receiver.

Providers whose patients have a current PA on file and wish to transition from a durable medical equipment provider to a pharmacy should contact Change Healthcare by phone to help ensure a smooth transition and minimize provider burden.

See "Additional Information" below for details on PAs, quantity limits and a breakdown of the CGMs available at pharmacies.

Effective Date:
October 1, 2019

Authority/Legal Basis:

This change is being done through Global Commitment to Health waiver authority, where DVHA may establish rates with providers on an individual or class basis without regard to the rates currently set forth in the approved State Plan.

[Global Commitment to Health Waiver](#): Waiver authority #5 [Section 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30)]; Special Term and Condition #29.

[Medicaid State Plan](#)**Population Affected:**

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

It is estimated that this change will result in annual savings of \$271,459 based on potential for rebates available through the pharmacy benefit.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period ended on September 30, 2019. No comments were received.

To be added to the GCR email list, send an email to AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov.

Additional Information:

The draft Global Commitment Amended State Plan page provides additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft page can be requested from local Department for Children and Families (DCF) offices or from DVHA at (802) 355-8843, or can be found on the DVHA website: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/global-commitment-to-health/global-commitment-register-proposed-policy-changes>.

Effective 10/1/19, the following CGM products are available through pharmacies and durable medical equipment providers, pending prior authorization approval:

PRODUCT NAME	NATIONAL DRUG CODE (NDC)	QUANTITY LIMITS
Freestyle Libre (10-day) Sensor	57599-0000-19	9 sensors per 90 days
Freestyle Libre (10-day) Reader	57599-0000-21	1
Freestyle Libre (14-day) Sensor	57599-0001-01	6 sensors per 84 days
Freestyle Libre (14-day) Reader	57599-0002-00	1
Dexcom G6 Transmitter	08627-0016-01	1 per 90 days
Dexcom G6 Sensor	08627-0053-03	9 sensors per 90 days
Dexcom G6 Receiver	08627-0091-11	1

Not all CGM products are available through pharmacies. The following products are available through durable medical equipment providers only, pending prior authorization approval:

PRODUCT NAME	NATIONAL DRUG CODE (NDC)
Medtronic Enlite Sensors (for use with the MM530G and Revel Pumps)	76300-0008-05
Medtronic Guardian Sensor (for use with MM630G and MM670G pumps and the Guardian Connect	43169-0704-05
Medtronic MiniLink Transmitter (includes Enlite sensor)	76300-0725-01
Medtronic 630G Guardian Press Starter Transmitter Kit	43169-0800-40
Medtronic 670G Guardian Link 3 Transmitter Kit	43169-0955-68
Medtronic Guardian Connect Transmitter	76300-0002-60

Other Prior Authorization Changes:

- 1) A 72-hour short term CGM trial is no longer required.
- 2) CGM startup training and interpretation no longer require prior authorization.