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# Global Commitment Register

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GCR 21-041  
PROPOSED

## **Continuous Glucose Monitors Available Through Pharmacy Benefit**

### **Policy Summary:**

On October 1, 2019, the Vermont Medicaid program expanded access to continuous glucose monitors by making coverage available through the pharmacy benefit in addition to the durable medical equipment benefit. See [Global Commitment Register Final Policy 19-025](#). This change was made to allow for faster and easier access for patients at their local pharmacies. This has also allowed the Medicaid program to lower its net cost for these products, resulting in significant savings to the state. Since this change, most Medicaid members have transitioned to obtaining continuous glucose monitors and related supplies from pharmacies.

Considering the success of this transition and the savings available through the pharmacy benefit, Vermont Medicaid proposes to fully transition continuous glucose monitor coverage to the pharmacy benefit only. Coverage will no longer be available through durable medical equipment providers except for Medicare crossover claims. However, durable medical equipment providers may be eligible to enroll as pharmacies if properly licensed as a pharmacy in Vermont.

Prior authorization requirements that had been waived temporarily because of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency will also be reinstated. Please refer to the Preferred Drug List for specific criteria for continuous glucose monitors.

### **Effective Date:**

October 1, 2021

### **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:**

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is a savings of \$71,760.

**Public Comment Period:**

September 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

Send comments to:

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**Additional Information:**

A provider communication will be issued two weeks before the implementation date.

Vermont Medicaid's [Preferred Drug List containing a list of the continuous glucose monitors and the criteria for approval can be found here](#).

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 [Agency of Human Services website](#).