Clinical Policy: Continuous Glucose Monitors

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See Important Reminder at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

Description
Continuous glucose monitors measure interstitial glucose, which correlates well with plasma glucose.

FDA Approved Indication(s)
Continuous glucose monitors (CGM) are indicated for use in patients with diabetes mellitus to monitor blood glucose levels.

Policy/Criteria
Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

It is the policy of Nebraska Total Care that continuous glucose monitors are **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Diabetes Mellitus (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of diabetes mellitus;
2. Member meets one of the following (a, b or c):
   a) Requires insulin injections;
   b) Has a history of problematic hypoglycemia with documentation of at least one of the following (i or ii):
      i) more than one hypoglycemic event with blood glucose <54mg/dL (3.0mmol/L) that persist despite more than one attempt to adjust medication(s) and / or modify the diabetes treatment plan
      ii) a history of one hypoglycemic event with blood glucose <54mg/dL (3.0mmol/L) characterized by altered mental and / or physical state requiring third-party assistance for treatment of hypoglycemia.
   c) Diagnosis of gestational diabetes;
3. Request meets one of the following (a or b)
   a) Request is for a Freestyle Libre CGM;
   b) Request is for Dexcom G6 or Dexcom G7 and one of the following (i or ii)
      i) Presence of claims in pharmacy claims history supporting failure of Freestyle Libre (at least one pharmacy claim for Freestyle Libre sensors in the last 365 days)

ii) Documentation in provider chart notes failure of Freestyle Libre (documentation states why the member cannot use Freestyle Libre: CGM did not capture readings, readings not accurate, allergy to adhesive/adhesive did not work etc.)

4. Request does not exceed quantity limit (see plan formulary for product specific quantity limits).

Approval duration: 6 months

II. Continued Therapy

A. Diabetes Mellitus (must meet one):

1. Request is for a renewal of authorization and one of the following are met (a or b):
   a. Request is for a Freestyle Libre CGM and both are met (i. and ii);
      i. Member is using the product properly and continues to benefit from it;
      ii. Request does not exceed quantity limit (see plan formulary for product specific quantity limits).
   b. Request is for Dexcom G6 or Dexcom G7 and all the following are met (i, ii and iii)
      i. Evidence of historical Dexcom G6 or Dexcom G7 utilization as demonstrated by one of the following (1, 2 or 3):
         1. Presence of paid claim in pharmacy claims history supporting failure of Freestyle Libre (at least one pharmacy claim for Freestyle Libre sensors in the last 365 days)
         2. Member has had an approval for Dexcom product after 1/1/2026.
         3. Documentation in provider chart notes failure of Freestyle Libre (documentation states why the member cannot use Freestyle Libre: CGM did not capture readings, readings not accurate, allergy to adhesive/adhesive did not work etc.)
      ii. Member is using the product properly and continues to benefit from it;
      iii. Request does not exceed quantity limit (see plan formulary for product specific quantity limits).
2. Request is for a replacement of previously approved authorization and one of the following (a or b):
   a. The device has exceeded the warranty period and is malfunctioning, and the required repairs would exceed the cost of replacement
   b. The device is at least 5 years old (this must be adjusted to the life of the specific model being covered)

Approval duration: 12 months

III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:

A. Per the state of Nebraska Medicaid and Long Term Care division, CGM using an implantable glucose sensor e.g., Eversense CGM system (CPT codes 0446T, 0447T, and 0448T) is considered investigational and not medically necessary due to insufficient evidence of clinical efficacy and long term health outcomes. Any related HCPC codes for implantable glucose sensors are also considered investigational and not medically necessary.

B. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies – CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
CGM: Continuous Glucose Monitor

Appendix B: General Information
Dexcom G6® CGM System:

- Receiver (Dexcom receiver*): replace once per year.

*A personal smart device (e.g., smart phone, smart watch) may also be used, either instead of or in addition to the Dexcom receiver

- Transmitter (G6 transmitter): replaced every 3 months
- Sensor (applicator with built-in sensor): replaced every 10 days

Dexcom G7® CGM System:

- Receiver (Dexcom receiver*): replace once per year.

*A personal smart device (e.g., smart phone, smart watch) may also be used, either instead of or in addition to the Dexcom receiver

- Sensor (no separate transmitter needed): replaced every 10 or 15 days

FreeStyle Libre 2 and 3 Glucose Monitoring System:

- Receiver (Reader*): replace every 3 years
  **A personal smart device (e.g., smart phone, smart watch) may also be used instead of the receiver*
- Sensor: replaced every 14 days

FreeStyle Libre 2 PLUS and 3 PLUS Glucose Monitoring System:

- Receiver (Reader*): replace every 3 years
  **A personal smart device (e.g., smart phone, smart watch) may also be used instead of the receiver*
- Sensor: replaced every 15 days

FreeStyle Libre 14 Day Flash Glucose Monitoring System:

- Receiver (FreeStyle reader): replaced every 3 years
- Sensor (sensor pack and sensor applicator): replaced every 14 days

V. Dosage and Administration

Use regimen is individualized based on patient goals.

VI. Product Availability

Monitor and test strip packaging vary by product and manufacturer.

VII. References

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Revisions	Date
Policy created	11.22
Added "has recurring episodes of hypoglycemia" and updated Revisions Log format to be consistent with other pharmacy policies.	03.23
Updated Dexcom G6 to Dexcom to include future generations/updates. Updated references with Dexcom G7 product information	05.23
Clarified that the Dexcom and Freestyle product approved must be on formulary	04.24
Updated initial criteria to align with MLTC criteria- removed requirement for certain number of injections and/or insulin pump. Removal of requirements of A1C not at target and ability to hear/see alarms on CGM. Changed initial approval duration from 12 months to 6 months. For continued therapy, removed requirement for demonstration of improved glycemic control. Clarified the requirement of must be formulary product and be followed by healthcare practitioner. Added product information on new presentation of Freestyle Libre 3.	6.2024
Removed requirement for participation in a comprehensive diabetes management program; removed Medtronic CGM criteria; added criteria to continued therapy that member must be using properly and benefitting from the product; updated product information for Freestyle Libre Plus.	1.2025
Added gestational diabetes as an indication for approval. Changed criteria from formulary product to Dexcom requires trial and failure of Freestyle Libre. Added clarification criteria that must not exceed plan limit for number of sensors. Updated references.	9.2025

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Note:

For Medicaid members, when state Medicaid coverage provisions conflict with the coverage provisions in this clinical policy, state Medicaid coverage provisions take precedence. Please refer to the state Medicaid manual for any coverage provisions pertaining to this clinical policy.