



Continuous Glucose

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Purpose:

To provide Population Health and Provider Alliances associates with guidelines when making benefit determinations for continuous glucose monitoring.

Compliance Status:

- This procedure is in compliance with current Food and Drug Administration (*FDA*) regulatory requirements

Definitions

- Continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) systems are minimally invasive or noninvasive devices that measure glucose levels in interstitial fluid at frequent intervals over a period of several days. CGM systems are designed to obtain diurnal patterns in glucose levels that, when reviewed retrospectively by the physician, can guide adjustments to therapy, with the goal of improving overall glycemic control. The glucose measurements provided during continuous monitoring are not intended to replace standard self-monitoring of blood glucose obtained using finger stick blood samples.
- Remote glucose monitors. These monitors (i.e. mySentry by Minimed) monitor glucose and signal an alarm if glucose levels drop below a pre-determined value.

Coverage Guidelines

- *Continuous Glucose Monitoring* can be approved when ANY of the following criteria are met:
 1. Diabetes with a lack of residual beta-cell activity (documented with a C-peptide level or a positive beta cell autoantibody test) requiring six (6) or more finger sticks per day and a recent HgbA1C > 8.0;
 2. Diabetes with documented “Hypoglycemic unawareness”;
- *Remote glucose monitors* can be approved if ALL of the following are met:
 1. Member is 10 years and younger and currently using an Insulin pump.
 2. Nocturnal hypoglycemic episodes have been documented.

Reference:

1. National Diabetes Education Program. NIH.



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