Clinical Policy: Continuous Glucose Monitor

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Revision Log

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

Description
Continuous glucose monitors (CGM) measure interstitial glucose, which correlates well with plasma glucose

FDA Approved Indication(s)
Continuous glucose monitors 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 health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation® that Continuous Glucose Monitors are **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria:

A. Diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus:

1. Meets one of the following diagnoses;
   a. Patient has a diagnosis of Type 1 Diabetes;
   b. Patient has a diagnosis of Type 2 Diabetes AND requires at least one insulin injection per day;
   c. Patient has a diagnosis of Gestational Diabetes, including up to 12 months of post-partum care
2. Age is in line with the FDA-approved age for the requested product;
3. Request is for Dexcom G6, Dexcom G7, Freestyle Libre 14 Day, Freestyle 2, Freestyle Libre 3, Freestyle 3 Plus, Medtronic Guardian, Guardian 4, Guardian Connect, Guardian Link 3 or Guardian Sense, Medtronic Simplera, Minimed Instinct Glucosensor or Eversense glucose monitor unless member has tried and failed TWO preferred products (i.e. Dexcom and Freestyle Libre) or documentation provided of contraindication/inability to use the preferred products;
4. Has been trained on the use of the requested CGM system;

Approval duration: 12 months, Gestational Diabetes: for the remaining duration of the current pregnancy and up to 12 months post-partum (1 receiver per 12 months only; other components [such as transmitters and sensors] may be replaced as needed – *see Appendix D for examples*)

B. Diagnosis of Cystic Fibrosis-Related Diabetes (Must meet all of the following)

1. Age is in line with the FDA-approved age for the requested product;
2. Request is for Dexcom G6, Dexcom G7, Freestyle Libre 14 Day, Freestyle 2, Freestyle Libre 3, Freestyle 3 Plus, Guardian 4, Guardian Connect, Guardian Link 3, Guardian Sensor, Medtronic Guardian, Medtronic Simplera, Minimed Instinct Glucosenesor, or Eversense Glucose Monitor. unless member has tried and failed TWO preferred products (i.e. Dexcom and Freestyle Libre) or documentation provided of contraindication/inability to use the preferred products;
3. Suboptimal glycemic control including wide glycemic swings contributing to exacerbations;

Approval duration: 12 months (1 receiver per 12 months only; other components [such as transmitters and sensors] may be replaced as needed – *see Appendix D for examples*)

C. For patient populations that do not meet the above criteria, or in which CGM has not been well studied, requests will be reviewed for medical necessity on a case-by-case basis.

Approval duration: 12 months (1 receiver per 12 months only; other components [such as transmitters and sensors] may be replaced as needed – *see Appendix D for examples*).

II. Continued Therapy (must meet all):

Replacement of functional features of an existing monitor for an upgrade is not considered medically necessary

1. Previously received the requested product via Centene benefit;
2. Documentation supports following:
   a. Patient must have demonstrated compliance with the CGM in order to have continued authorization;

Approval duration: 12 months (1 replacement receiver per 12 months only; other components [such as transmitters and sensors] may be replaced as needed – *see Appendix D for examples*)

A. Other diagnoses/indications:

1. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

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

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

CGM: Continuous Glucose Monitor
BGM: Blood Glucose Monitor
FDA: Food and Drug Administration

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications
Not applicable

Appendix D: General Information
- Blood glucose monitoring (either with self-monitoring [SMBG] or CGM) is a tool used to evaluate whether glycemic targets are being achieved. It enables evaluation of response to both pharmacologic therapy and lifestyle modifications and can therefore help guide treatment decisions and/or self-management.
- The American Diabetes Association, American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, and American College of Endocrinology do not prefer any one blood glucose monitor brand over another.
- Examples of CGMs and their components include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Dexcom G6® CGM System:
    - Receiver (Dexcom receiver*): replacement frequency not specified
      **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
  - 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. Product Availability
Monitor and test strip packaging vary by product and manufacturer.

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
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Added Dexcom G7 to criteria	10.30.23	
Added language regarding non-preferred products	5.6.24	
Updated per Illinois public act **Public Act 103-0639**	12.23.24	
1Q 2025 Annual Review: preferred products updated per HFS PDL; references reviewed and updated	3.26.25	
Added Medtronic Simplera	10.14.25	
1Q2026 Annual Review: Added Minimed Instinct Glucosensor as a preferred product	1.21.26	
4Q 2026 annual review: added requirement that age is in line with the FDA-approved age for the requested product; references reviewed and updated.	10.25.26	11.26

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