



**Louisiana Department of Health
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Durable Medical Equipment Coverage of Continuous Glucose Monitoring Devices

Effective with dates of service on Jan. 1, 2019, Louisiana Medicaid will reimburse for long-term continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) devices through the durable medical equipment program. Prior authorization is required and recipients must meet one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Diagnosis of type I diabetes with recurrent, unexplained, severe hypoglycemia (glucose levels less than 50 milligrams per deciliter), or impaired hypoglycemia awareness that puts the recipient at risk.
- Pregnant recipient with poorly controlled type 1 diabetes evident by recurrent, unexplained hypoglycemic episodes, hypoglycemic unawareness or postprandial hyperglycemia, or recurrent diabetic ketoacidosis.

Note: Louisiana Medicaid will not consider short term CGMs as a covered device.

Billable HCPCS codes and coverage limitations:

Supply	HCPCS Code	Limitation
Sensors	A9276	4 per month (1 sensor has a 7 day life)
Transmitters	A9277	Once per life of the product
Receiver	A9278	Once per life of the product

Note: Codes are included in this advisory to assist managed care organizations (MCO) with system changes. MCOs must ensure use of the correct codes listed on the durable medical equipment fee schedule after implementation of this change.

MCOs must update their systems for allowable HCPCS codes for continuous glucose monitors and supplies, in accordance with the requirements set forth above, prior to Jan. 1, 2019 implementation. All MCOs must complete their system updates accordingly and publish written instructions for providers regarding prior authorization and claim submissions no later than 60 days from the date of this advisory

If you have any questions regarding this mandate, please contact Irma Gauthier at Irma.Gauthier2@la.gov.