

Diabetic Equipment and Supplies

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Overview

Diabetic equipment and supplies are used to monitor and control blood glucose levels.

Point of Sale Diabetic Testing Supply program

The following supplies are included in the diabetic testing supply program:

- Blood Glucose Monitors (E0607)
- Therapeutic Continuous Glucose Monitoring (A4239 and E2103)
- Blood Glucose Test Strips (A4253)

These are only covered as a durable medical equipment benefit when billed as a Medicare crossover claim.

Refer to the [Pharmacy Services](#) section of the Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Provider Manual for [Point of Sale Diabetic Testing Supply Program](#) for more information.

Eligible Providers

Providers may be eligible to dispense blood glucose testing supplies or other diabetic equipment and supplies. Eligible providers must meet criteria for third-party liability (TPL) insurance or Medicare to assist members for whom MHCP is not the primary payer.

TPL and Medicare

Providers must meet any provider criteria, including accreditation, for TPL insurance or Medicare, to assist members for whom MHCP is not the primary payer.

Eligible Members

MHCP members with diabetes or a related condition are eligible when criteria for specific equipment listed under Covered Services are met.

Covered Services

Refer to the [Medical Supply Coverage Guide \(PDF\)](#) for coverage information and limits on diabetes supplies not specified in this section.

Blood Glucose Monitors

Codes: E2100, E2101

E2100 (blood glucose monitor with integrated voice synthesizer) or E2101 (blood glucose monitor with integrated lancing/blood sample) may be rented or purchased. Authorization is always required for E2100 and E2101.

Criteria

For all blood glucose monitors, the member must have a diagnosis that requires regular monitoring of blood glucose levels. The pharmacy or medical supplier's office must keep a written physician's order stating need.

E2100 (blood glucose monitor with integrated voice synthesizer)

Covered for members with a visual impairment that affects their ability to use a standard glucose monitor. The member must be able to use this device independently.

E2101 (blood glucose monitor with integrated lancing/blood sample)

Covered for members who have deficits with their dexterity that affect their ability to use a standard glucose monitor. The member must be able to use this device independently.

Continuous Blood Glucose Monitoring (CGM)

Codes: E2102 and A4238 (Adjunctive CGM)

Adjunctive CGM systems

Adjunctive continuous glucose monitoring does not replace traditional home blood glucose monitoring for making treatment decisions, but may be authorized as a warning or alert system for individuals with insulin-dependent diabetes and a history of severe hypoglycemia (less than 50 mg/dL) with unawareness due to age or cognitive function. Authorization is always required.

MHCP allows for one monitor (code E2102) or one receiver (code E2102) every three years for adjunctive CGM systems, and one unit per month for the supplies and accessories (code A4238).

Adjunctive CGM systems must be coded based on Medicare's Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding for durable medical equipment. Refer to the Palmetto [Durable Medical Equipment Coding System](#) webpage for more information.

Disposable Blood Glucose Monitor

Code: A9275

Disposable blood glucose monitors may be obtained from a medical supply provider or pharmacy. Members who require testing more frequently than is possible with four disposable meters per month may use a traditional meter and test strips.

Authorization

Authorization is not required.

Criteria

- Disposable blood glucose meters include any necessary test strips and calibration solution or chips
- Disposable blood glucose meters are limited to four per calendar month
- Blood glucose test strips may not be billed within 30 days of disposable blood glucose meters

Bill one unit per meter with test strips. Submit a claim with an attachment that includes the name of the product dispensed and required documentation for manual pricing. Review [Billing Policy](#) in the Equipment and Supplies section of the MHCP Provider Manual for documentation requirements.

Blood Ketone Test Strips

Code: A4252

Blood ketone test strips may be obtained from a medical supply provider or pharmacy.

Authorization

Authorization is always required.

Criteria

- Member has insulin-dependent diabetes or is on a medically supervised ketogenic diet for intractable seizures
- Document specific reason blood ketone testing is required, including any history of ketoacidosis or complicating conditions likely to lead to ketoacidosis
- Specify why urine testing is not sufficient (urine testing is known by Minnesota Department of Human Services to be less accurate, documentation must be clear as to why very accurate results are needed)
- State frequency of testing and expected duration at this frequency
- Member must have a blood glucose monitor capable of blood ketone testing. If the member has a blood glucose monitor that is less than five years old, providers must submit a claim with an attachment explaining the need for the replacement monitor with the approved PA for the blood ketone test strips in the notes field

Insulin Syringes**Code: S8490**

Up to 300 insulin syringes per month may be obtained from a medical supply provider or pharmacy.

Ambulatory Insulin Infusion Pumps**Code: E0784**

Insulin infusion pumps may be obtained from a medical supply provider or pharmacy.

Authorization

Authorization is not required.

Criteria

Insulin infusion pumps are covered for eligible MHCP members 12 years old or younger with insulin-dependent diabetes, or for eligible MHCP members older than age 12 with diabetes who are beta cell autoantibody positive or have a documented fasting serum C-peptide level that is less than or equal to 110 percent of the lower limit of normal of the laboratory's measurement method. Members must meet the following criteria for coverage:

- Completion of a comprehensive diabetes education program
- Be on a program of at least three injections of insulin per day, with frequent self-adjustments of dose, for at least six months
- Documented self-testing an average of at least four times per day
- Has one of the following:
 - Elevated glycosylated hemoglobin level of HbA1c greater than 7 percent
 - History of recurring hypoglycemia less than 60 mg/dL
 - Wide fluctuations in blood glucose before mealtime
 - Dawn phenomenon with fasting blood sugars often over 200 mg/dL
 - History of wide glycemic excursions
 - Otherwise unable to maintain optimal control

When dispensing a replacement pump for a member with an existing pump, document the date the current pump's warranty expires and the reason for replacement.

External Ambulatory Insulin Infusion Systems

Code: A9274

External ambulatory infusion pumps may be obtained from a medical supply provider or pharmacy.

Authorization

Authorization is always required.

Criteria

External ambulatory insulin infusion systems are covered for eligible MHCP members according to each device's FDA approval criteria.

- Members must meet the criteria under ambulatory insulin infusion pumps
- Documentation submitted for authorization must address why an ambulatory insulin infusion pump is not meeting the members needs and why a tubeless option is required for medical necessity.

Sharps Disposal Containers

Members who self-administer medications using syringes may receive sharps disposal containers. Bill using A4211 and modifier U3 along with appropriate pricing information as outlined under Billing Policy in the [Equipment and Supplies](#) section of the MHCP Provider Manual. Submit a pricing attachment for all claims. When billing for members with Medicare, include an attachment that clearly states "sharps container not covered by Medicare" or add this statement under claim note field in MN-ITS.

Noncovered Services

The following supplies are not covered under this durable medical equipment policy but are covered in the point of sale diabetic testing supply program (unless the member has Medicare Part B):

- Blood Glucose Monitors (E0607)
- Blood Glucose Test Strips (A4253)
- Therapeutic Continuous Glucose Monitoring (A4239 and E2103)

Refer to the [Pharmacy Services](#) section of the MHCP Provider Manual for additional information.

Authorization

For services that continue to be billed using HCPCS Level II codes, submit authorization requests to the medical review agent following instructions in the [Authorization](#) section of the MHCP Provider Manual.

For services that are part of the pharmacy point of sale benefit, submit authorizations to the MHCP prescription drug prior authorization agent and follow the instructions in the [Drug Authorizations](#) section of the MHCP Provider Manual.

Billing

Review the [Equipment and Supplies](#) section of the MHCP Provider Manual for billing instructions.