

Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM)

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Developed By: Medical Necessity Criteria Committee

I. Description

A continuous glucose monitor (CGM) is a minimally invasive device that is designed to measure and record glucose levels continuously and automatically in a patient. The device measures glucose values in the interstitial fluid of subcutaneous tissue. The goal of CGM devices is to record patterns of glucose levels and use these patterns to guide patient management and improve overall glycemic control. A continuous glucose monitoring device is an adjunct to supplement, not replace, standard home glucose monitoring. These devices are used in specific clinical situations. Examples of CGM systems are: Medtronic iPro Professional® Continuous Glucose Monitoring System (CGMS), Guardian Real Time Glucose Monitor (MiniMed), and the STS Monitoring System (DexCom).

II. Criteria: CWQI HCS-0021

*Medicare – refer to Noridian LCD 33822 Glucose Monitors

- A. Continuous glucose monitoring is covered for **1** or more of the following conditions:
 - a. Moda Health will cover **short term** (72 hours to one week) diagnostic use of continuous glucose monitoring devices for members with poorly controlled type 1 or type 2 diabetes when **1 or more** of the following criteria are met:
 - i. Hypoglycemia unawareness
 - ii. Wide fluctuations of blood glucose levels despite documentation of blood glucose testing (greater than or equal to 4 times per day) and insulin administration (greater than or equal to 3 times/day)
 - iii. Unexplained frequent hypoglycemic episodes in a diabetic taking insulin;
 - iv. Repeated hypoglycemia (less than 50 mg/dl) or hyperglycemia (greater than 150 mg/dl) at the same time each day
 - v. Suspected postprandial hyperglycemia
 - vi. Recurrent diabetic ketoacidosis
 - vii. Prior to insulin pump initiation to determine basal insulin levels

- b. Moda Health may cover **long-term** (greater than one week) therapeutic use of continuous glucose monitoring devices and related accessories and supplies if **ONE** of the following criteria are met;
 - i. Member is 18 years old or older and ALL of the following;
 - 1. Member has Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes
 - 2. Member is using 3 or more daily insulin injections or an insulin pump and is not meeting daily glycemic targets
 - ii. Member is younger than 18 years old and has Type 1 diabetes
- B. Moda Health will **NOT** cover any of the following:
 - 1. The GlucoWatch. The GlucoWatch is another device that measures interstitial glucose levels beyond 3 days. The use of this device is considered experimental and investigational and is not a covered item.
 - Additional software that may be required for downloading data from a CGM to a computer for further management of member's diabetes. This is considered a convenience item and is not medically necessary.
 - Combination devices such as a blood glucose monitor combined with a cellular telephone or other device not specifically indicated for the management of diabetes. These combination devices are considered convenience items and are not medically necessary
 - 4. Subcutaneous pocket and implanted continuous interstitial glucose monitoring devices. These devices are considered experimental and investigational because there is insufficient evidence in peer reviewed medical literature to support their use.

III. Information Submitted with the Prior Authorization Request (if available):

- 1. Physician progress notes for the past six months
- 2. Documentation of completion of comprehensive diabetic program and sufficient training regarding specific device.
- 3. Laboratory reports including HgA1c
- 4. Blood glucose logs

IV. CPT or HCPC codes covered:

Codes	Description
95249	Ambulatory continuous glucose monitoring of interstitial tissue fluid via a subcutaneous sensor for a minimum of 72 hours; patient-provided equipment, sensor placement, hook-up, calibration of monitor, patient training, and printout of recording
95250	Ambulatory continuous glucose monitoring of interstitial tissue fluid via a subcutaneous sensor for a minimum of 72 hours; sensor placement, hook-up, calibration of monitor, patient training, removal of sensor, and printout recording
95251	Analysis, interpretation and report
A9276	Sensor; invasive (e.g. subcutaneous), disposable, for use with interstitial continuous glucose monitoring system, 1 unit = 1 day supply (not covered for Medicare)

A9277	Transmitter; external, for use with interstitial continuous glucose monitoring system (not covered for Medicare)	
S1030	Continuous noninvasive glucose monitoring device, purchase	
S1031	Continuous noninvasive glucose monitoring device, rental, including sensor, sensor	
	replacement, and download to monitor	
K0553	Supply allowance for therapeutic continuous glucose monitor (CGM), includes all supplies and	
	accessories, 1 month supply = 1 Unit of Service	
K0554	Receiver (monitor), dedicated, for use with therapeutic glucose continuous monitor system	

V. CPT or HCPC codes NOT covered:

Codes	Description	
0446T	Creation of subcutaneous pocket with insertion of implantable interstitial glucose	
	sensor, including system activation and patient training	
0447T	Removal of implantable interstitial glucose sensor from subcutaneous pocket via incision	
0448T	Removal of implantable interstitial glucose sensor with creation of subcutaneous pocket	
	at different anatomic site and insertion of new implantable sensor, including system	
	activation	

VI. Annual Review History

Review Date	Revisions	Effective Date
02/2013	Annual Review: Added table with review date, revisions, and effective date. Added additional criteria for the MySentry remote monitor	03/1/2013
01/2014	Annual Review: Combined Type 1 and Type 2 criteria	01/22/2014
01/2015	Annual Review: No change	01/28/2015
06/2015	Added Medicare Criteria, ICD-9 and ICD-10 Codes, updated HCPC codes	
07/2016	07/2016 Annual Review: No changes	
07/2017	Annual Review: Remove reference to devices that are not related to CGM, update CPT/HCPC codes, update to new template	
8/2018	Annual Review: Minor wording changes, added ICD10 codes	08/22/2018
07/2019	O7/2019 Annual Review: Updated criteria to precisely indicate requirements to meet coverage for short-term and long-term therapeutic use of continuous glucose monitoring devices, verified and updated codes	
O5/2020 Annual Review: reviewed requirements for long-term use of continuous glucose monitoring devices. Updated information requested for PA authorization		06/01/2020
05/2021	Annual Review: grammar updates -removed conflicting wording. No content change	06/01/2021

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- 24. Physician Advisors

Appendix 1 – Applicable ICD-10 diagnosis codes:

Codes	Description
E08.00	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with hyperosmolarity without
	nonketotic hyperglycemic-hyperosmolar coma (NKHHC)
E08.01	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with hyperosmolarity with coma
E08.10-E08.11	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with ketoacidosis
E08.21	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic nephropathy
E08.22	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic chronic kidney disease
E08.29	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other diabetic kidney
	complication
E08.311-E08.319	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with unspecified diabetic
	retinopathy
E08.3211-E08.3219	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with mild nonproliferative diabetic
	retinopathy with macular edema
E08.3291-E08.3299	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with mild nonproliferative diabetic
	retinopathy without macular edema
E08.3311-E08.3319	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with moderate nonproliferative
	diabetic retinopathy with macular edema
E08.3391-E08.3399	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with moderate nonproliferative
	diabetic retinopathy without macular edema
E08.3411-E08.3419	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with severe nonproliferative
	diabetic retinopathy with macular edema
E08.3491-E08.3499	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with severe nonproliferative
	diabetic retinopathy without macular edema
E08.3511-E08.3519	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic
	retinopathy with macular edema

E08.3521-E08.3529	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic
	retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula
E08.3531-E08.3539	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic
	retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula
E08.3541-E08.3549	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic
	retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous
	retinal detachment
E08.3551-E08.3559	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy
E08.3591-E08.3599	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic
	retinopathy without macular edema
E08.36	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic cataract
E08.37X1-E08.37X9	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic macular edema,
	resolved following treatment
E08.39	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other diabetic ophthalmic
	complication
E08.40-E08.49	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic neuropathy
E08.51-E08.59	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with circulatory complications
E08.610-E08.618	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic arthropathy
E08.620- E08.628	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with skin complications
E08.630- E08.638	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with oral complications
E08.641- E08.649	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with hypoglycemia with/without
200.012 200.013	coma
E08.65	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with hyperglycemia
E08.69	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other specified complication
E08.8	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with unspecified complications
E08.9	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition without complications
E09.00	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with hyperosmolarity without
	nonketotic hyperglycemic-hyperosmolar coma (NKHHC)
E09.01	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with hyperosmolarity with coma
E09.10- E09.11	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with ketoacidosis
E09.21	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with diabetic nephropathy
E09.22- E09.29	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with diabetic kidney disease
E09.311- E09.3499	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with nonproliferative diabetic
105.511 105.5455	retinopathy with/without macular edema
E09.3511- E09.3599	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy
E09.36	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with diabetic cataract
E09.37X1- E09.37X9	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with diabetic macular edema,
LU3.37X1-LU3.37X3	resolved following treatment
E09.39	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with other diabetic ophthalmic
203.33	complication
E09.40- E09.49	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with neurological complications
E09.51- E09.59	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with circulatory complications
E09.610- E09.618	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with other diabetic arthropathy

E11.65	Type 2 dishetes mollitus with hyperglycomia	
	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with hyperglycemia	
E11.69	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with other specified complication	
E11.8	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with unspecified complications	
E11.9	Type 2 diabetes mellitus without complications	
E13.00	Other specified diabetes mellitus with hyperosmolarity without nonketotic	
	hyperglycemic-hyperosmolar coma (NKHHC)	
E13.01	Other specified diabetes mellitus with hyperosmolarity with coma	
E13.10- E13.11	Other specified diabetes mellitus with ketoacidosis	
E13.21- E13.29	Other specified diabetes mellitus with diabetic kidney disease	
E13.311- E13.319	Other specified diabetes mellitus with unspecified diabetic retinopathy	
E13.3211- E13.3499	Other specified diabetes mellitus with nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy	
E13.3511- E13.3599	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy	
E13.36	Other specified diabetes mellitus with diabetic cataract	
E13.37X1- E13.37X9	Other specified diabetes mellitus with diabetic macular edema, resolved following	
	treatment	
E13.39	Other specified diabetes mellitus with other diabetic ophthalmic complication	
E13.40- E13.49	Other specified diabetes mellitus with diabetic neurological complication	
E13.51- E13.59	Other specified diabetes mellitus with circulatory complications	
E13.610- E13.618	Other specified diabetes mellitus with diabetic arthropathy	
E13.620- E13.622	Other specified diabetes mellitus with skin complications	
E13.630- E13.638	Other specified diabetes mellitus with oral complications	
E13.641- E13.649	Other specified diabetes mellitus with hypoglycemia	
E13.65	Other specified diabetes mellitus with hyperglycemia	
E13.69	Other specified diabetes mellitus with other specified complication	
E13.8	Other specified diabetes mellitus with unspecified complications	
E13.9	Other specified diabetes mellitus without complications	
O24.011- O24.010	Pre-existing type 1 diabetes mellitus, in pregnancy	
024.02	Pre-existing type 1 diabetes mellitus, in childbirth	
024.03	Pre-existing type 1 diabetes mellitus, in the puerperium	
024.111- 024.119	Pre-existing type 2 diabetes mellitus, in pregnancy	
024.12	Pre-existing type 2 diabetes mellitus, in childbirth	
024.13	Pre-existing type 2 diabetes mellitus, in the puerperium	
024.311- 024.319	Unspecified pre-existing diabetes mellitus in pregnancy	
024.32	Unspecified pre-existing diabetes mellitus in childbirth	
024.33	Unspecified pre-existing diabetes mellitus in the puerperium	
024.811- 024.819	Other pre-existing diabetes mellitus in pregnancy	
024.82	Other pre-existing diabetes mellitus in childbirth	
024.83	Other pre-existing diabetes mellitus in the puerperium	
024.911- 024.919	Unspecified diabetes mellitus in pregnancy	
O24.92	Unspecified diabetes mellitus in childbirth	

Appendix 2 – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Medicare coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determination (NCD) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. They can be found at: http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search/advanced-search.aspx. Additional indications may be covered at the discretion of the health plan.

Medicare Part B Covered Diagnosis Codes (applicable to existing NCD/LCD):

Jurisdiction(s): 5, 8	NCD/LCD Document (s):	
Noridian Local Coverage Determination LCD 33822 Glucose Monitors		
https://med.noridianmedicare.com/documents/2230703/7218263/Glucose+Monitors		

NCD/LCD Document (s):

Noridian Glucose Monitor - Policy Article A52464

Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions		
Jurisdiction	Applicable State/US Territory	Contractor
F (2 & 3)	AK, WA, OR, ID, ND, SD, MT, WY, UT, AZ	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC