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Durable medical equipment coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices

Summary of change: Effective with dates of service starting January 1, 2019, Healthy Blue now reimburses 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, in accordance with Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) *Health Plan Advisory 18-15*, published November 11, 2018:

- Diagnosis of type 1 diabetes with recurrent, unexplained, severe hypoglycemia (glucose levels less than 50 mg 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: Healthy Blue will not consider short-term CGM as a covered device.

When requesting an authorization and submitting claims, ensure that all coding is correct including ICD-10 diagnosis codes that clearly denote type 1 diabetes along with the other criteria. The use of generic ICD-10 diagnosis codes for diabetes or the other manifestations not in accordance with LDH guidelines may be denied.

Coverage of CGM devices

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

Prior authorization and claims submissions

Prior authorization is required. Our standard prior authorization and claims submission processes apply. To request prior authorization or submit a claim, please visit

<https://providers.healthybluel.com>.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **1-844-521-6942**.

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