

SASKATCHEWAN FORMULARY BULLETIN

Update to the 62nd Edition of the Saskatchewan Formulary

Expanded Coverage of Diabetic Supplies

Effective June 1, 2021, the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch will be:

- **Expanding the Insulin Pump Program to include type 1 diabetes patients of all ages who meet the associated medical criteria.**
 - Previously, coverage for the Insulin Pump Program was limited to type 1 diabetes patients who were 25 years of age or under.
 - Coverage will include the cost of one insulin pump every five years up to \$6,300. Individuals will pay for insulin pump supplies according to their coverage, deductible, and/or copayment.
- **Funding of Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) and Flash Glucose Monitoring (FGM) for pediatric patients under the age of 18 who meet the corresponding medical criteria.**
 - Pediatric patients who receive approval for CGM/FGM benefits will be fully funded.
 - The CGM/FGM application form will be posted on the website at:
<https://formulary.drugplan.ehealthsask.ca/AppForms>

The new CGM/FGM benefits are:

- **FreeStyle Libre 2 Sensor Kit**
- **Dexcom G6 Sensor**
- **Dexcom G6 Transmitter**
- **Medtronic Guardian Sensor (3) CGM Sensor**
- **Medtronic Guardian Link (3) Transmitter Kit (for MiniMed 670G pump)**
- **Medtronic Guardian Link (3) Transmitter Kit (for MiniMed 770G pump)**
- **Medtronic Guardian Connect Transmitter Starter Kit**

The medical criteria CGM/FGM is provided below:

Initial Criteria

For pediatric patients with diabetes (or meet criterion 'c' specifically below) who are under 18 years old¹ and meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Under the care and management² of a pediatric endocrinologist, pediatric diabetes specialist, pediatric metabolic physician, or certified diabetes educator within the Saskatchewan Health Authority who is working with a pediatric diabetes specialist;
- Patient and/or caregiver demonstrates the capacity to use the CGM/FGM appropriately;
- Patient and/or caregiver demonstrates a reasonable understanding of what the CGM/FGM can do and how it can benefit their care; and
- Patient and/or caregiver affirms a willingness to use the CGM/FGM properly and to use the data from this technology to make safe and effective diabetes management decisions.

In addition, patients must also meet ONE of the following:

- a) Approved for the Saskatchewan Insulin Pump Program (NOTE: The Saskatchewan Insulin Pump Program policy will determine when patients are eligible for a new insulin pump funded by the Saskatchewan Insulin Pump Program.; OR
- b) On both basal AND bolus insulin; OR
- c) Have hyperinsulinism requiring frequent blood glucose monitoring.

Initial approval duration: One year

Renewal criteria

Coverage may be continued if ALL of the following are met:

- Patient remains under the age of 18¹;
- Patient has routine follow up with their diabetes care team and remains under the care and management² of a pediatric endocrinologist, pediatric diabetes specialist, pediatric metabolic physician, or certified diabetes educator within the Saskatchewan Health Authority who is involved with pediatric diabetes management;
- Patient and/or caregiver continues to demonstrate the capacity to use the CGM/FGM appropriately;
- Patient and/or caregiver continues to demonstrate a reasonable understanding of what the CGM/FGM can do and how it can benefit their care; and
- Patient and/or caregiver continues to affirm a willingness to use the CGM/FGM properly and to use the data from this technology to make safe and effective diabetes management decisions.

Coverage may also be discontinued upon notification from the care provider that the CGM/FGM criteria is no longer met by this patient.

Renewal approval duration: One year

Notes:

1. Diabetes care teams should be familiar with the various CGM/FGM products, their Health Canada approved age indications, and relevant features when assisting patients/caregivers with product selection.
2. Requests initiated by approved prescribers within the diabetes care teams may be approved through the online Exception Drug Status adjudication (OEA) process and therefore, may not require a manual application for assessment.

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