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RE: Diabetic Supplies

Prescribers and pharmacists,

Diabetic supplies will move to a pharmacy benefit rather than under the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) benefit for all beneficiaries except those with Medicare Part B benefits with an anticipated 1/1/2024 start date. Those with Medicare Part B benefits will continue to be serviced under the DME program.

Currently, the diabetic supplies have been an Arkansas Medicaid medical benefit while the insulins and other various drugs are a pharmacy benefit. Anticipated on Jan. 1, most diabetic supplies will move to a pharmacy benefit. The only exception is traditional insulin pumps requiring tubing and cannula type supplies. These will remain a medical benefit under DME billing rules.

This change will allow Medicaid beneficiaries who are managing their diabetes to get their needed medications and nondrug diabetic supplies all from a pharmacy. This will help streamline the services for these beneficiaries, and it will align with other commercial plans and their benefits.

PREFERRED PRODUCT LIST

Effective 1/1/2024 (anticipated date)

NOTE: Any product not listed below will be considered non-preferred and requires documentation of the medical necessity over preferred options.

BLOOD GLUCOSE METERS (BGMs) AND LIMITATIONS				
Manufacturer	Product Name	Limitation		
LIFESCAN	ONETOUCH ULTRA2 GLUCOSE SYSTEM	1 meter per 365 days		
LIFESCAN	ONETOUCH VERIO FLEX SYSTEM KIT			
LIFESCAN	ONETOUCH VERIO REFLECT SYSTEM			
ABBOTT DIABETES CARE	FREESTYLE FREEDOM LITE METER			
ABBOTT DIABETES CARE	FREESTYLE INSULINX GLUCOSE SYSTEM			
ABBOTT DIABETES CARE	FREESTYLE LITE METER			
ABBOTT DIABETES CARE	PRESCISION XTRA MONITOR			
ABBOTT DIABETES CARE	FREESTYLE PRECISION NEO			
BLOOD GLUCOSE AND KETONE TESTING SUPPLIES AND LIMITATIONS				
Manufacturer	Product Name	Limitation without CGM		
LIFESCAN	ONE TOUCH VERIO TEST STRIPS	200 per 31 days		
LIFESCAN	ONE TOUCH ULTRA TEST STRIPS			
ABBOTT DIABETES CARE	FREESTYLE LITE TEST STRIPS			
ABBOTT DIABETES CARE	FREESTYLE INSULINX TEST STRIPS			
ABBOTT DIABETES CARE	PRECISION XTRA TEST STRIPS			
ABBOTT DIABETES CARE	FREESTYLE PRECISION NEO TEST STRIPS			
ABBOTT DIABETES CARE	FREESTYLE TEST STRIPS			
ANY MANUFACTURER	INSULIN SYRINGES (with WAC pricing)	N/A		
	INSULIN PEN NEEDLES (with WAC pricing)			
ANY MANUFACTURER	LANCETS	200 per 31 days		
	LANCING DEVICE	1 per 186 days		
	CALIBRATION SOLUTION	1 bottle per 31 days		
	URINE REAGENT STRIPS/TABS	200 per 31 days		

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CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITOR (CGM) PRODUCTS AND LIMITATIONS			
Manufacturer	Product Name	Limitation	
DEXCOM	DEXCOM G6 RECEIVER	1 per 365 days	
DEXCOM	DEXCOM G6 SENSOR	3 per 30 days	
DEXCOM	DEXCOM G6 TRANSMITTER	1 every 90 days	
DEXCOM	DEXCOM G7 RECEIVER	1 per 365 days	
DEXCOM	DEXCOM G7 SENSOR	3 per 30 days	
ABBOTT DIABETES CARE	FREESTYLE LIBRE 2 SENSOR	2 per 28 days	
ABBOTT DIABETES CARE	FREESTYLE LIBRE 2 READER	1 per 365 days	
ABBOTT DIABETES CARE	FREESTYLE LIBRE 3 SENSOR	2 per 28 days	

INSULIN DELIVERY PRODUCTS AND LIMITATIONS			
Manufacturer	Product Name	Limitation	
INSULET	OMNIPOD-5	15 pods (3 boxes) per 30 days	
INSULET	OMNIPOD-5 G6 KIT	1 per 365 days	
INSULET	OMNIPOD DASH	15 pods (3 boxes) per 30 days	
INSULET	OMNIPOD DASH KIT	1 per 365 days	
INSULET	OMNIPOD GO ALL STRENGTHS	15 pods (3 boxes) per 30 days	
VALERITAS/MANNKIND	V-GO ALL STRENGTHS	30 (1 box) per 30 days	

If there are any questions, please contact the Magellan Help Desk at 800-424-7895.

Sincerely,

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