

Medicare Criteria

Continuous Glucose Monitoring Therapy

According to the [U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#), Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems are covered by Medicare for patients who meet the Medicare coverage criteria. Medicare patients who have either Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes and manage their insulin therapy may be able to obtain a therapeutic CGM if the Medicare coverage criteria listed below are met.

Effective April 16, 2023, the physician must submit a completed [CGM Certificate of Medical Necessity/Letter of Medical Necessity](#) and office/progress notes that state:

- ◆ The patient has diabetes
- ◆ The patient is insulin-treated **OR** has a history of problematic hypoglycemia with documentation of one of the following:
 - History of reoccurring (more than 1) level 2 hypoglycemic events¹
 - History of at least one level 3 hypoglycemic event²
- ◆ Within six months prior to ordering the CGM, the patient had an in-person visit or Medicare-approved telehealth visit with the treating practitioner to evaluate their diabetes control and determine that the above criteria have been met

Important Notes:

1. Office/progress notes must be dated prior to the signature date of the CMN/LMN.
2. To remain eligible, the patient must have an in-person visit or Medicare approved telehealth visit with his/her treating practitioner every six (6) months to evaluate adherence to their CGM therapy and diabetes treatment plan.

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1. Level 2 hypoglycemic event: Glucose <54mg/dL (3.0mmol/L) that persist despite multiple (more than one) attempts to adjust medication(s) and/or modify the diabetes treatment plan
2. Level 3 hypoglycemic event: Glucose <54mg/dL (3.0mmol/L) characterized by altered mental and/or physical state requiring third-party assistance for treatment of hypoglycemia