



# Continuous glucose monitor (CGM) coverage for Albertans

## Albertans under 18 years of age

Coverage for Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGMs), listed on the Alberta Drug Benefit list, will be provided for eligible insulin dependent Albertans under the age of 18 years who are enrolled in a government-sponsored health benefit plan. Albertans must meet all the following criteria to obtain coverage for CGMs:

- Be a resident of Alberta under 18 years of age;
- Be enrolled in one of Alberta's government-sponsored health benefit plans;
- Be diagnosed with diabetes; and
- Require ongoing insulin therapy or insulin pump therapy.

## Albertans 18 years of age and older

Coverage for Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGMs), listed on the Alberta Drug Benefit list, will be provided for eligible Albertans 18 years and older who are enrolled in a government-sponsored health benefit plan. Albertans must meet all the following criteria to obtain coverage for CGMs:

- Be a resident of Alberta 18 years of age or older;
- Be enrolled in one of Alberta's government-sponsored health benefit plans;
- Be diagnosed with diabetes; and
- Require ongoing use of one of the following: insulin pump therapy; a basal insulin and a bolus insulin; or a premixed insulin.

## Exclusions to coverage

Coverage is not provided for the following:

- Requests made due to lifestyle choices (e.g., sports, personal preference, etc.).
- Components or devices that are not primarily part of the CGM composite device (e.g., batteries, insertion devices, adhesive removers, or other supplies).
- More than one CGM manufacturer type.

## Covered benefits

- Dexcom G6 - Eligible individuals will have coverage for up to a maximum of 4 transmitters and 37 sensors for each benefit year.
- Dexcom G7 - Eligible individuals will have coverage for up to a maximum of 1 receiver and 37 sensors for each benefit year.
- Freestyle Libre 2 - Eligible individuals will have coverage for up to a maximum of 1 reader per 3-year benefit period and 26 sensors for each benefit year.
- Medtronic devices - Eligible individuals will have coverage for up to a maximum of 1 transmitter and 52 sensors for each benefit year.
  - For Albertans 18 years of age and older, Special Authorization is required to obtain coverage for a Medtronic CGM device. Please refer to the [Alberta Drug Benefit List](#) for eligibility criteria.

Government program participants may obtain their CGM from the manufacturer or from a pharmacy.

## Coverage limits for blood glucose test strips

The use of a CGM reduces or eliminates the need for blood glucose test strips. Albertans who receive funding for a CGM will have adjusted limits for blood glucose test strips, which will still provide for occasional use. Albertans who do not receive funding for a CGM will continue to have the same limits for blood glucose test strips. See [the Coverage Maximums for Diabetes Supplies fact sheet](#) for more information.

Get more information about coverage for Albertans using diabetes management supplies, as well as supplementary health benefit plans at <https://www.alberta.ca/drug-coverage-health-benefits.aspx> or by calling Alberta Blue Cross at 1-800-661-6995.