



Diabetic Supplies Coverage as a Pharmacy Benefit

Effective October 1, 2023, Louisiana Medicaid will start reimbursing continuous glucose monitors and other diabetic supplies as a pharmacy benefit.

On December 1, 2023, several codes associated with glucose monitors and diabetic supplies will be removed from the Medicaid DME fee schedule and will be reimbursed as a pharmacy benefit only. Medical DME claims for these services will deny.

- Diabetes glucose meters
- Diabetic test strips
- Continuous glucose meters
- Transmitters and sensors
- External insulin pumps
- Control solution
- Ketone test strips
- Lancets and devices
- Pen needles
- Re-usable insulin pens
- Syringes

The procedure codes for the above diabetic supplies will no longer be located on the Louisiana Medicaid Durable Medical Equipment fee schedule. Provider manual updates will be completed to reflect these changes.

Preferred products and prior authorization criteria for continuous glucose monitors will be posted on the Single Preferred Drug List (PDL) [PDL.pdf \(la.gov\)](#). UnitedHealthcare Community Plan (UHC) will no longer have a diabetic supply preferred list.

Reimbursement shall be based on the lower of:

1. The wholesale acquisition cost (WAC) plus the professional dispensing fee; or
2. The provider's usual and customary charge to the public.

Diabetic test strips and lancets will continue to be subject to the current quantity limits:

[Diabetes.Strips.Lancets.Quantity.Limit.11192020.pdf](#).

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