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## Prior Authorization No Longer Required for Preferred Continuous Glucose Monitors and Supplies for BlueMedicare Patients

Florida Blue's policy regarding select diabetes supplies for BlueMedicare<sup>SM</sup> HMO and PPO Medicare Advantage patients is changing beginning January 1, 2024. **BlueMedicare patients can now receive preferred continuous glucose monitors (CGMs) – Dexcom and FreeStyle Libre – products and supplies without a prior authorization.\*** These can be obtained from local in-network retail pharmacies or through a home delivery (mail-order) pharmacy.

Prior authorization is still required for non-preferred CGMs, specifically adjunctive CGMs (e.g., Guardian). CGMs continue to be covered products under the Part B benefit, available at the retail or mail-order pharmacy where your patients purchase their medications.

### Preferred CGMs (Dexcom and FreeStyle)

To obtain a preferred CGM (Dexcom or FreeStyle Libre), a prescription for the CGM and maintenance supplies should be sent to your patient's in-network pharmacy of choice. BlueMedicare HMO and PPO patients can choose any in-network retail or home delivery pharmacy.\*

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) covers CGMs for all patients with diabetes who are treated with insulin or who have hypoglycemia and meet at least one of the following specifications:

- Two or more level 2 hypoglycemic events (glucose <54 mg/dL) that persist despite multiple modifications to the treatment or medication plan
- One level 3 hypoglycemic event (glucose <54 mg/dL) characterized by altered mental and/or physical state requiring third-party assistance for treatment

Every six months following the initial prescription of the CGM, the treating practitioner conducts an in-person or Medicare-approved telehealth visit with the beneficiary to document adherence to their CGM regimen and diabetes treatment plan.

### Non-Preferred CGMs (adjunctive CGMs including Guardian)

Florida Blue Medicare continues to manage prior authorizations for CGMs and supplies, which will only be needed for non-preferred CGMs. Once authorized, a prescription for adjunctive CGMs and maintenance supplies should be sent to your patient's in-network pharmacy of choice. BlueMedicare HMO and PPO patients can choose any in-network retail or home delivery pharmacy.\* See exception for insulin pumps with adjunctive CGMs below.

\* This enhancement to CGM access also applies to **Part B only for Medicare Advantage Patriot PPO plan patients.**

### Prior Authorization Requests

In April 2023, we enhanced our prior authorization process in Availity®<sup>1</sup> to help streamline the automated process for approval. Effective January 1, 2024, this submission process remains in effect for non-preferred adjunctive CGMs (e.g., Guardian). Detailed instructions on how to submit prior authorization requests are available in this [prior bulletin](#).

### Insulin Pump with Adjunctive CGM

The authorization and initial fill of a non-preferred adjunctive CGM when being used with an insulin pump can be obtained through CareCentrix if the insulin pump is to be provided at the same time as an adjunctive CGM device/supply. Subsequent CGM supply refills, however, are supplied through a participating in-network retail or home delivery pharmacy. An additional authorization will not be required to obtain refills for the duration of the approved authorization.

### CGM Product National Drug Code List and Description

The National Drug Code (NDC) lists below are not all-inclusive. New products frequently become available and may be eligible for coverage. Please check CMS for local coverage guidelines.

| <b>Preferred CGMs (No Prior Authorization Required)</b> |   |
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| <b>NDC</b>  | <b>Product Name</b>                             |
| 08627003011   | DEXCOM G4 PLATINUM PEDIATRIC RECEIVER KIT       |
| 08627003021   | DEXCOM G4 PLATINUM PEDIATRIC RECEIVER KIT       |
| 08627003031   | DEXCOM G4 PLATINUM PEDIATRIC RECEIVER KIT       |
| 08627006011   | DEXCOM G4 PLATINUM PEDIATRIC RECEIVER KIT/SHARE |
| 08627006021   | DEXCOM G4 PLATINUM PEDIATRIC RECEIVER KIT/SHARE |
| 08627006031   | DEXCOM G4 PLATINUM PEDIATRIC RECEIVER KIT/SHARE |
| 08627002011   | DEXCOM G4 PLATINUM RECEIVER KIT                 |
| 08627002021   | DEXCOM G4 PLATINUM RECEIVER KIT                 |
| 08627002031   | DEXCOM G4 PLATINUM RECEIVER KIT                 |
| 08627005011   | DEXCOM G4 PLATINUM RECEIVER KIT/SHARE           |
| 08627005021   | DEXCOM G4 PLATINUM RECEIVER KIT/SHARE           |
| 08627005031   | DEXCOM G4 PLATINUM RECEIVER KIT/SHARE           |
| 08627001301   | DEXCOM G4 PLATINUM TRANSMITTER KIT              |
| 08627001101   | DEXCOM G4 SENSOR KIT                            |
| 08627008011   | DEXCOM G5 MOBILE RECEIVERKIT                    |
| 08627008021   | DEXCOM G5 MOBILE RECEIVERKIT                    |
| 08627008031   | DEXCOM G5 MOBILE RECEIVERKIT                    |
| 08627001401   | DEXCOM G5 MOBILE TRANSMITTER KIT                |
| 08627005104   | DEXCOM G5 MOBILE/G4 PLATINUM SENSOR KIT         |
| 08627009011   | DEXCOM G5 RECEIVER KIT                          |
| 08627009111   | DEXCOM G6 RECEIVER                              |
| 08627005303   | DEXCOM G6 SENSOR                                |
| 08627001601   | DEXCOM G6 TRANSMITTER                           |
| 08627007801   | DEXCOM G7 RECEIVER                              |
| 08627007701   | DEXCOM G7 SENSOR                                |

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| <b>NDC</b>  | <b>Product Name</b>                                      |
| 08627001011   | G4 PLATINUM RECEIVER KIT                                 |
| 08627001021   | G4 PLATINUM RECEIVER KIT                                 |
| 08627001031   | G4 PLATINUM RECEIVER KIT                                 |
| 08627004104   | G4 SENSOR KIT  |
| 08627000301   | G4 TRANSMITTER   |
| 57599000200   | FREESTYLE LIBRE 14-DAY/READER/FLASH MONITORING SYSTEM    |
| 57599000101   | FREESTYLE LIBRE 14-DAY/SENSOR/FLASH MONITORING SYSTEM    |
| 57599080300   | FREESTYLE LIBRE 2/READER/FLASH GLUCOSE MONITORING SYSTEM |
| 57599080000   | FREESTYLE LIBRE 2/SENSOR/FLASH GLUCOSE MONITORING SYSTEM |
| 57999082000   | FREESTYLE LIBRE 3 READER KIT GLUCOSE MONITORING SYSTEM   |
| 57599081800   | FREESTYLE LIBRE 3/SENSOR/GLUCOSE MONITORING SYSTEM       |
| 57599000021   | FREESTYLE LIBRE/READER/FLASH MONITORING SYSTEM           |
| 57599000019   | FREESTYLE LIBRE/SENSOR/FLASH MONITORING SYSTEM           |

| <b>Non-Preferred CGMs (Prior Authorization is Required)</b> |   |
|---|---|
| <b>NDC</b>  | <b>Product Name</b>                                 |
| 76300000805   | ENLITE GLUCOSE SENSOR                               |
| 63000041338   | GUARDIAN 4 GLUCOSE SENSOR                           |
| 63000051968   | GUARDIAN 4 GLUCOSE SENSOR                           |
| 63000044515   | GUARDIAN 4 TRANSMITTER KIT                          |
| 63000044516   | GUARDIAN 4 TRANSMITTER KIT                          |
| 43169095568   | GUARDIAN LINK 3 TRANSMITTER KIT                     |
| 63000028677   | GUARDIAN LINK 3 TRANSMITTER KIT                     |
| 63000028678   | GUARDIAN LINK 3 TRANSMITTER KIT                     |
| 63000031699   | GUARDIAN LINK 3 TRANSMITTER KIT                     |
| 63000035751   | GUARDIAN LINK 3 TRANSMITTER KIT                     |
| 76300023982   | GUARDIAN LINK 3 TRANSMITTER KIT                     |
| 76300010001   | GUARDIAN REAL-TIME REPLACEMENT MONITOR              |
| 76300010002   | GUARDIAN REAL-TIME REPLACEMENT MONITOR PEDIATRIC    |
| 63000017962   | GUARDIAN SENSOR (3)                                 |
| 63000033698   | GUARDIAN SENSOR (3)                                 |
| 63000035844   | GUARDIAN SENSOR (3)                                 |
| 76300017962   | GUARDIAN SENSOR (3)                                 |
| 43169070405   | GUARDIAN SENSOR (3)                                 |
| 76300072501   | MINILINK REAL-TIME TRANSMITTER                      |
| 43169080040   | MINIMED 630G GUARDIAN PRESS STARTER TRANSMITTER KIT |
| 76300770101   | PARADIGM REAL-TIME TRANSMITTER                      |

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