



Diabetic Equipment, Supplies, and Accessories

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Enterprise Policy

Clinical Guidelines are written when necessary to provide guidance to providers and members in order to outline and clarify coverage criteria in accordance with the terms of the Member's policy. This Clinical Guideline only applies to PacificSource Health Plans, PacificSource Community Health Plans, and PacificSource Community Solutions in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Because of the changing nature of medicine, this list is subject to revision and update without notice. This document is designed for informational purposes only and is not an authorization or contract. Coverage determinations are made on a case-by-case basis and subject to the terms, conditions, limitations, and exclusions of the Member's policy. Member policies differ in benefits and to the extent a conflict exists between the Clinical Guideline and the Member's policy, the Member's policy language shall control. Clinical Guidelines do not constitute medical advice nor guarantee coverage.

Background

PacificSource Health Plans supports members in screening and appropriate treatment for the diagnosis of diabetes. This includes coverage of appropriate durable medical equipment supplies, and accessories for monitoring and maintaining healthy blood glucose levels.

Glucose monitors, supplies, and accessories are covered when medical necessity criteria are met. In addition, PacificSource utilizes Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Local Coverage Determination (LCD) to determine maximum quantities and frequencies for diabetic supply purchases.

Criteria

Commercial

I. Blood Glucose Monitors (BGM) (hand-held or stand-alone device)

PacificSource considers the coverage of a blood glucose monitors, supplies, and accessories medically necessary when **ALL** the following conditions are met:

- A. The patient has a diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus
- B. Member or responsible individual/caregiver is capable of using the device as prescribed
- C. The device is designed for personal use

II. Specialty Blood Glucose Monitors

- A. BGM with special features (HCPC codes E2100, E2101) are covered when the criteria for Blood Glucose Monitors are met **AND** the prescriber certifies the member or caregiver has **ONE** of the following:

- A severe visual impairment (i.e., best corrected visual acuity of 20/200 or worse in both eyes) requiring the use of a special monitoring system (E2100)
- An impairment of manual dexterity severe enough to require the use of a special monitoring system (E2101)

III. Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGM)

Prior authorization is required for CGM receivers only (codes E2103 and A2978)

A. Non-Adjunctive (Therapeutic) Devices (preferred devices Freestyle Libre & Dexcom)

PacificSource considers the coverage of therapeutic Continuous Glucose Monitors (which includes components of a sensor, transmitter, and receiver), supplies, and accessories medically necessary when **ALL** the following criteria are met:

1. The member has diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus
2. The member is currently on insulin treatment of at least three (3) subcutaneous (SubQ) injections daily or uses an insulin pump
3. The member performs at least four (4) blood glucose tests per day with a blood glucose monitoring device
4. The member requires frequent insulin adjustments based on blood glucose readings
5. **Excludes CGM for Temporary use** (e.g., gestational diabetes, during dialysis treatments)

B. Adjunctive (Non-Therapeutic) Devices

PacificSource considers the coverage of non-therapeutic continuous glucose monitors and supplies not medically necessary and are not covered. Adjunctive devices require the member verify their glucose levels with a stand-alone home blood glucose monitor (BGM) to confirm testing results prior to making treatment decisions.

IV. Implantable Continuous Glucose Monitors (I-CGM)

Prior authorization is required

A. PacificSource may consider the coverage of Implantable Continuous Glucose Monitors (I-CGM), implantation, to be medically necessary when **ALL** of the following criteria is met:

1. Member is 18 years of age and older
2. Diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus
3. The member is currently on insulin treatment of at least three (3) subcutaneous (SubQ) injections daily or uses an insulin pump
4. The member performs at least four (4) blood glucose tests per day with a blood glucose monitoring device
5. The member requires frequent insulin adjustments based on blood glucose readings
6. **Excludes I-CGM for Temporary use** (e.g., gestational diabetes, during dialysis treatments)

B. PacificSource may consider the removal or replacement of an implantable continuous glucose monitor to be medically necessary when **ONE** of the following are met:

1. The member's device is no longer needed
2. Member's sensor fails or device lifespan has expired

V. Insulin and Syringes

Diabetic insulin and syringes are covered expenses under the prescription drug benefit only. Any receipts submitted for reimbursement will process under the pharmacy benefit. If the member does not have a prescription drug benefits insulin and syringes are not coverable.

VI. Other Supplies

Supplies such as lancets, test strips, glucostix, and needle free injection devices can be covered under the medical plan's durable medical equipment (DME) benefit or the prescription drug benefit.

VII. Benefit Coverage

PacificSource members may choose to purchase their diabetic supplies utilizing their pharmacy or DME benefit.

A. Pharmacy Coverage

Members who choose to purchase monitors, supplies, and/or accessories from the pharmacy utilize their prescription benefit. Please see the PacificSource Diabetic Supply formulary online for pharmacy benefit coverage and limitations.

B. DME Coverage

If the member chooses to purchase diabetic supplies from a DME provider, the supplies will be reimbursed using the members DME benefit. Reimbursement is based upon the providers participating or non-participating status, as well as the contracted or allowed amount.

1. Members may purchase test strips or lancets with a maximum of 300 count for a 30-day supply or 900 count for a 90-day. Refills may be filled within 10 days of supply exhaustion. Requests for coverage of orders exceeding the supply limit require prior authorization approval.
2. Insulin infusion pumps **do not** require prior authorization. However, the insulin cartridge **does** require prior authorization through the Pharmacy benefit.

Medicaid

PacificSource Community Solutions (PCS) follows Guideline Note 108 of the OHP Prioritized List of Health Services for the coverage of continuous blood glucose monitors.

PacificSource Community Solutions (PCS) follows OAR 410-122-0520 for glucose monitors and supplies and Ancillary Guideline A2 of the OHP Prioritized List of Health Services for self-monitoring of blood glucose in diabetes.

Medicare

PacificSource Medicare follows CMS National Coverage Determinations (NCD) 40.2 for blood glucose monitors, continuous blood glucose monitors, I-CGM, supplies and accessories.

- Local Coverage Determination (LCD) Glucose Monitors L33822
- Local Coverage Determination (LCD) Implantable Continuous Glucose Monitors (I-CGM) L38659

- Local Coverage Determination (LCD) External Infusion Pumps L33794

Coding Information

The following list of codes are for informational purposes only and may not be all-inclusive. Deleted codes and codes which are not effective at the time the service is rendered may not be eligible for reimbursement.

Equipment

HCPC Code	Description	Maximum Units	Frequency
E0607	Home blood glucose Monitor	1 unit (each)	3 years/1095 days
E1399	DME, miscellaneous		
E2100	Blood glucose monitor w/integrated voice synthesizer	1 unit (each)	3 years/1095 days
E2101	Blood glucose monitor w/integrated blood sampling	1 unit (each)	3 years/1095 days
E2102	Adjunctive, non-implanted continuous glucose monitor	NA	NA
E2103	Non-adjunctive, non-implanted glucose monitor or receiver	1 unit (each)	5 years/1825 days

Supplies and Accessories (not all inclusive)

HCPC Code	Description	Maximum Units	Frequency
A4238	Supply allowance for adjunctive, non-implanted CGM	3 (1unit = 1 month supply)	3 months / 90 days
A4239	Supply allowance for non-adjunctive, non-implanted CGM	3 (1unit = 1 month supply)	3 months / 90 days
A4253	Blood glucose test or reagent strips for home blood glucose monitor	18 units (1 unit = 50 test strips)	3 months / 90 days
A4258	Spring-powered device for lancet	2 unit (each)	1 year / 365 days
A9276	Sensor; invasive for interstitial CGM system	90 (1unit = 1 day supply)	3 months / 90 days
A9277	Transmitter, external for use with interstitial CGM system	5 unit (each)	5 years / 1825 days
A2978	Receiver (monitor), external for use with interstitial CGM systems	1 unit (each)	5 years / 1825 days

Professional Fees

CPT, HCPC, Modifier	Description
95249	Professional fee for patient-supplied equipment
95250	Professional fee for provider- supplied equipment
95251	Professional fee for device interrogation/interpretation
0446T	Creation of subcutaneous pocket with insertion of implantable interstitial glucose sensor, including system activation and patient training
0447T	Removal of implantable interstitial glucose sensor from subcutaneous pocket via incision
0448T	Removal of implantable interstitial glucose sensor with creation of subcutaneous pocket at different anatomic site and insertion of new implantable sensor
Modifier 25	For two of the above codes (95249, 95250, 95251) on the same date of service

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Definitions

Blood Glucose Monitor (BGM) – a stand-alone device where the member uses a lancet to obtain a blood sample and place the sample on a test strip that is inserted to the hand-held device.

Insulin Pump (external) – a system of administration of continuous subcutaneous insulin through a subcutaneous needle or catheter, battery-operated, and usually worn about the waist.

Implantable Continuous Glucose Monitor – includes a fluorescence-based sensor (subcutaneously implanted), smart transmitter, and a mobile application for displaying glucose values, trends, and alerts on the member’s compatible mobile device. The life span of the implanted sensor is usually between 90- 180 days).

Non-Therapeutic(adjunctive) Continuous Glucose Monitor – A sensor just under the skin that measures the member’s glucose level 24-hours a day. Non-therapeutic devices require the member verify their glucose levels with a stand-alone home blood glucose monitor (BGM) to confirm testing results prior to making treatment decisions.

Therapeutic (non-adjunctive) Continuous Glucose Monitor – A sensor just under the skin that measures the member’s glucose level 24-hours a day. Therapeutic devices are used to make treatment decisions without the need for a stand-alone home blood glucose monitor (BGM) to confirm testing results

Related Policies

Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DME POS)

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Appendix

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