



## ***Diabetic Supplies Coverage as a Pharmacy Benefit***

Louisiana Medicaid started reimbursing continuous glucose monitors and other diabetic supplies as a pharmacy benefit on October 28, 2023.

On December 1, 2023, several codes associated with glucose monitors and diabetic supplies were 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 are no longer located on the Louisiana Medicaid Durable Medical Equipment fee schedule. Provider manual updates have been completed to reflect these changes.

Preferred products and prior authorization criteria for continuous glucose monitors are posted on the Diabetic Supplies Preferred Drug List (PDL) [Diabetic.Supplies.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](#).

LDH has published Informational Bulletin 23-11 for your reference [IB23-11\\_revised\\_1.26.24.pdf \(la.gov\)](#).

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