

Updates to eligibility for flash and continuous glucose monitor (CGM) systems effective June 9, 2023, for Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) Seniors (Group 60), Specified Disease Conditions (Group 21992) and Métis Health Benefit (Group 19866) programs

Effective **June 9, 2023**, the GNWT criteria for coverage of CGM systems will be as follows. Please note *this coverage does not mirror the NIHB*.

The NIHB updated their eligibility criteria for CGM systems on April 25, 2023. Effective June 9, 2023, the GNWT will resume using the pre-April 25, 2023, criteria as outlined below. GNWT program members who have received a CGM based on the NIHB criteria from April 25, 2023, to June 8, 2023, will remain eligible for coverage of CGM supplies until March 31, 2024.

For GNWT programs, CGM systems will be a limited-use benefit and require prior approval to be submitted to Alberta Blue Cross® for assessment based on the coverage criteria. A prior approval for systems can be submitted by completing the Exception Approval Drug Request form found at <https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/sites/hss/files/resources/exception-approval-drug-request.pdf> and faxing it to Alberta Blue Cross using the number at the bottom of the form.

Flash and continuous glucose monitoring systems coverage criteria:

- Children 19 years of age and younger on intensive insulin therapy (administration of short-acting insulin three or more times per day), or
- Clients with type 1 diabetes, as verified by short-acting insulin claims history.

Claim submission

Claim submission and adjudication for flash and continuous glucose monitoring systems must be billed using product- and brand-specific pseudo-Product Identification Numbers (PINs), as indicated in the table below.

| PIN | Device | PIN | Device |
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| 97799135 | DEXCOM G6 TRANSMITTER | 97799075 | FREESTYLE LIBRE 2 SENSOR |
| 97799136 | DEXCOM G6 SENSOR 3-PACK | 97799170 | FREESTYLE LIBRE FLASH READER |
| 97799074 | FREESTYLE LIBRE 2 READER | 97799171 | FREESTYLE LIBRE FLASH SENSOR |

PINs and Drug Identification Numbers (DINs) for drug benefits for GNWT plans can be searched for at <https://nihb-ssna.express-scripts.ca/en/0205140506092019/16/160407>.

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations contact centre representative at

780-498-8370 (Edmonton and area)

403-294-4041 (Calgary and area)

1-800-361-9632 (toll free)

FAX 780-498-8406 (Edmonton and area)

FAX 1-877-305-9911 (toll free)

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