

Alberta Blue Cross to offer coverage for the FreeStyle Libre Flash Glucose Monitoring System for select group plans effective January 1, 2018

We are pleased to announce that as of January 1, 2018, Alberta Blue Cross will offer coverage for the FreeStyle Libre Flash Glucose Monitoring System for group plans that provide coverage for diabetic supplies. Government sponsored plans and individual plans do not currently cover FreeStyle Libre.

Coverage for this new glucose monitoring system is available to group plan members who are using insulin and are on plans that choose to cover it. Eligible employees can receive up to 30 sensors per year and one reader every two years.

FreeStyle Libre is covered in one of the following ways by group plans:

- Coverage for plan members who are using insulin.
- Coverage for anyone with diabetes.
- No coverage.

Claim submission, adjudication, rejection codes and intervention codes Claims for the FreeStyle Libre reader and sensor should be submitted using the below PINs and the usual and customary charges for diabetic supplies.

PIN	Device
97799170	FREESTYLE LIBRE READER
97799171	FREESTYLE LIBRE SENSOR

The following PINs **cannot** be used for the FreeStyle Libre System: Blood Glucose Meter (PIN 00990024), Blood Glucose Test Strips (PIN 00999955) and Blood Letting Lancet (PIN 00999941).

As with other diabetic supplies, Allowable Upcharge #2 and the dispensing fee may not be charged.

Rejection codes

If criteria for the FreeStyle Libre is not met, the claim may be rejected with the following response codes:

Rejection code	
CD - Patient not entitled to drug claimed	The group is not covering this product
C5 - Plan maximum exceeded	The member has exceeded the quantity limit
EG - No record of trying first line therapy	The group applies step therapy, and the member has not used insulin in the past year

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Intervention codes

The below intervention code may be used if a member is insulin dependent and the claim is rejecting **EG** – No record of trying first line therapy.

Intervention code	Guidelines are met when pharmacy service provider's documentation from the patient record of care history indicates the following:
UP - First line therapy ineffective	The member is stabilized on insulin

When you have questions:

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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