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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 4, 2022

To: ADP-Registered Diabetes Education Programs

From: David Schachow
Director, Delivery and Eligibility Review Branch

Re: ADP Coverage for Real-Time Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems

In keeping with the government's commitment to support Ontario residents with diabetes, the Ministry of Health is pleased to announce that beginning March 14, 2022, the Assistive Devices Program (ADP) will provide coverage for real-time continuous glucose monitoring systems for Ontario residents with type 1 diabetes who are most at risk of a severe hypoglycemic event, or cannot recognize or communicate the symptoms of hypoglycemia.

When real-time continuous glucose monitoring is prescribed for an ADP Client by a physician or nurse practitioner registered as a prescriber with an ADP-registered Diabetes Education Program in accordance with ADP's medical eligibility criteria, the ADP Client will be eligible to receive:

- the sensors and transmitters manufactured by Medtronic Canada ULC or Dexcom Canada, Co., at no cost to the Client, up to a maximum allowable quantity per 24-month period; and
- the Dexcom G6 Receiver manufactured by Dexcom Canada, Co. (if the Client is using the sensors and transmitters manufactured by Dexcom Canada, Co.).

The ADP's medical eligibility criteria to receive ADP coverage are based on the recommendation from Ontario Health (formerly Health Quality Ontario).

To be eligible for ADP coverage the individual must meet the Eligibility Criteria for Program Benefits as set out in the *Policies and Procedures Manual for the Assistive Devices Program* and the following medical eligibility criteria.

1. Applicant has type 1 diabetes.
2. Applicant meets one of the following.
 - a. Applicant is unable to recognize or communicate symptoms of hypoglycemia, or independently perform fingerstick glucose testing, owing to their developmental stage or a previously diagnosed cognitive or physical impairment.
 - b. Applicant had severe hypoglycemia in the past 2 years without an obvious precipitant, despite optimized use of insulin therapy and glucose monitoring (at least 4 times/day) which result in one of the following:
 - i. suspension of the applicant's driving licence;
 - ii. hospitalization or emergency room or EMS visit; or
 - iii. glucagon administration, unconsciousness, or seizure.
3. Applicant demonstrates experience with and commitment to managing blood sugar control and an ability to use a real-time Continuous Glucose Monitor (rtCGM) safely and effectively by **ALL** of the following.
 - a. Applicant demonstrates a commitment to long-term diabetes follow-up through regular assessments by diabetes educators, and prescribers at intervals deemed appropriate by their ADP-registered Diabetes Education Program.
 - b. Applicant agrees to wear the rtCGM full-time.
 - c. Applicant agrees to share the data components of the Ambulatory Glucose Profile with the diabetes health care providers/team such as:
 - percent time in target range, percent time above or below target range, percent time in hypoglycemia; and
 - visual representation of average 24-hour glucose profile for a 2-week period.

Enclosed with this memorandum is a list of Questions and Answers relating to ADP coverage.

You will also be able to access additional information on the ADP website at <https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/adp/>, including the *Real-Time Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems Policy and Administration Manual*. If you have any questions, please send them directly to the ADP at the following email address adp@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your continuing support to Ontario residents with diabetes.

David Schachow
Director