

COMMUNICATIONS TALKING POINTS

TOPIC: Pharmacy – Continuous Glucose Monitors

KEY MESSAGES:

- Beginning April 20, 2022, the TRICARE Pharmacy Program now covers Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGMs) as part of the pharmacy benefit.
- The two CGMs available under the pharmacy benefit include the *Abbott Freestyle Libre 2* and *Dexcom G6*.
- These CGMs will be available through all pharmacy points of service. This includes some military pharmacies, TRICARE retail network pharmacies, and TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery. (**Note:** The *Abbott Freestyle Libre 2* reader must be ordered via the free service, the Department of Defense Reader Program, if the beneficiary chooses home delivery. The *Abbott Freestyle Libre 2* reader can also be picked up at a network pharmacy. All *Dexcom G6* components can be ordered through TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery and are also available for pick up at a retail pharmacy.)
- Copayments depend on where the beneficiary fills the CGM prescription.
 - Military pharmacies will remain the least expensive option for beneficiaries, at zero copay.
 - Network pharmacies and TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery will charge brand-name formulary drug rates for each component of the system.
 - The DME channel is still available for beneficiaries to obtain a CGM. CGMs obtained via the DME channel will be charged under the medical benefit.
- To receive either CGM from a pharmacy, beneficiaries must have pre-authorization even if already approved through the medical benefit. Patients must need multiple daily insulin injections (e.g. basal and bolus insulin regimen) in order for the pre-authorization to be approved.
- The CGMs will be dispensed in limited quantities:
 - *Abbott Freestyle Libre 2*
 - TRICARE retail network pharmacy:
 - 2 sensors in 28 days
 - 1 reader in 365 days
 - MTF/Home Delivery:
 - 6 sensors in 84 days
 - 1 reader in 365 days (via the Department of Defense Reader Program)
 - *Dexcom G6*
 - TRICARE retail network pharmacy:
 - 3 sensors in 30 days
 - 1 transmitter in 90 days
 - 1 receiver in 365 days
 - MTF/Home Delivery:
 - 9 sensors in 90 days

- 1 transmitter in 90 days
 - 1 receiver in 360 days
- Beneficiaries should contact their military pharmacy to confirm availability of these devices.
- Both Dexcom and Abbott products have free smartphone applications that may be used in place of the receiver/reader.
- Beneficiaries who are enrolled in the US Family Health Plan (USFHP) must use USFHP pharmacy providers and aren't eligible for the TRICARE Pharmacy Program. To learn more, visit www.usfhp.com or call 1-800-748-7347.
- Beneficiaries living overseas may get CGMs at military pharmacies and through mail order, as long as their APO or FPO address is valid.
 - Beneficiaries living overseas who pick up CGMs at a local, non-military pharmacy must pay in full upfront, and file a claim for reimbursement.

Obtaining Supplies – Applicable to Both Devices

- Beneficiaries should contact their pharmacy to confirm availability of their prescribed CGM.
- Beneficiaries don't need to obtain a reader if the beneficiary chooses to use their smartphone with the CGM's corresponding app.
- The amount of supplies provided to the beneficiary is dependent on the prescription written by the provider.
 - The reader will be provided one time (unless the reader is damaged, etc.), as the readers are approved for a year.
 - The number of sensor refills a beneficiary can obtain depends on the prescription written by the provider. Refills needed after the allowed supply limit will require a new prescription.

Obtaining Supplies – *Abbott Freestyle Libre 2*

- Components for the *Freestyle Libre 2* consists of:
 - Reader
 - Sensors
- For the *Abbott Freestyle Libre 2*, the reader can be picked up at retail pharmacy networks. If receiving the reader by mail, the beneficiary must go through the Department of Defense (DoD) Reader Program.
- MTF Availability:
 - All supplies and refills of sensors are free of cost at military pharmacies
- Retail Availability:
 - Reader
 - 1 reader per year at \$38
 - Sensors
 - 30 day supply at \$38 per fill/refill
 - Total cost per year via retail: \$494

- Mail Order Availability:
 - Reader
 - For mail orders, the reader will only be available through the DoD Reader Program, free of cost.
 - Sensors
 - 90 day supply at \$34 per fill/refill
 - Total cost per year via mail orders: \$136

Obtaining Supplies – *Dexcom G6*

- Components for the *Dexcom G6* consists of:
 - Reader
 - Sensors
 - Transmitter
- MTF Availability:
 - All supplies and refills of sensors are free of cost at military pharmacies
- Retail Availability:
 - Reader
 - 1 reader per year at \$38
 - Sensors
 - 30 day supply at \$38 per fill/refill
 - Transmitter
 - 1 transmitter to be used for 90 days. Each fill/refill is \$38
 - Total cost per year via retail: \$646
- Mail Order Availability:
 - Reader
 - 1 reader per year at \$34
 - Sensors
 - 90 day supply at \$34 per fill/refill
 - Transmitter
 - 1 transmitter to be used for 90 days. Each fill/refill is \$34
 - Total cost per year via mail orders: \$306
- For the *Dexcom G6* all components will be available by mail