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Clinical Payment, Coding and Policy Changes

We regularly augment our clinical, payment and coding policy positions as part of our ongoing policy review processes. To keep our providers informed, please see the below communication of upcoming new policies.

Effective for dates of service beginning 11/23/2021:

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) – Glucose Monitors

Home blood glucose monitors are covered for patients who are diabetics and who can better control their blood glucose levels by checking these levels independently and appropriately contacting their attending physician for advice and treatment.

- Interstitial Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems (A9276-A9278)- considered precautionary and are therefore not covered.
- Modifier Requirements- certain glucose monitors/supplies require an appropriate modifier indicating whether the member is insulin-dependent be reported.
- Frequency of Home Glucose Monitors- since glucose monitors all perform similar functions, only one glucose monitor (regardless of type) will be allowed once per 2 years.
- Supplies- certain supplies (e.g. alcohol wipes; betadine solution) should not be billed separately when a glucose monitor has been billed as these items are not required for the proper functioning of the device. Additionally, urine reagent test strips or tablets are noncovered since they are not used with a glucose monitor.