

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 17.10
TITLE: BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVEL MONITOR

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RELATED AUTHORITY: 32 CFR 199.4(d)(3)(ii) and 199.5(h)(2)(ii)

I. EFFECTIVE DATE

December 29, 1982

II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

HCPCS Level II Code E0607

III. DESCRIPTION

Blood glucose level monitors are reflectance meters designed to precisely measure mg/dl blood glucose level for individual use in self-management of diabetes.

IV. POLICY

A blood glucose level reflectance meter monitor may be cost-shared as durable medical equipment when precise mg/dl blood glucose levels are medically necessary for diabetes management.

V. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Documentation must be submitted with the claim which establishes the medical necessity for precise mg/dl level measurement compared to the narrow range mg/dl level measurement of visually read strips.

B. Documented insulin dependent diabetes in conjunction with (1) chronic renal failure, (2) ongoing dialysis therapy, (3) pregnancy, (4) high renal threshold, (5) insulin reaction, (6) acidosis or (7) vision impairment need not be routinely referred for medical review.

C. Claims for complicating circumstances or conditions other than those specified in this policy may be cost-shared only after medical review determines that the monitor is medically necessary and appropriate.

VI. EXCLUSIONS

A. The Gluco Watch as a continuous blood glucose monitoring system.

|| B. The MiniMed continuing glucose monitoring (CGM) MiniMed system. ||

END OF POLICY