

BCDiabetes Guidelines for Pharmacare funding of Advanced Glucose Monitors

BCDiabetes contemplates two scenarios for BC Pharmacare's coverage of devices in the [Advanced Glucose Monitoring](#) (AGM) category. AGM includes two device classes:

- A) continuous glucose monitors (CGM, currently represented by Dexcom & Medtronic) &
- B) flash glucose monitors (FGM, currently represented by Freestyle Libre and Freestyle Libre 2).

It is recommended that Pharmacare offer a dollar amount of coverage for each recommendation below and allow those eligible to make their own choice.

Below is listed a hierarchy of funding priorities - all levels deserve funding from BC Pharmacare now. The first and second priority items, both for CGM (the remainder for Flash), are considered to be absolute medical necessities. The hierarchy of priorities 1 through 6 is made in recognition that funding may be phased in over time or with another formula (perhaps allocation of funds by percentage affected), See [this pricing spreadsheet](#) for current prices of the AGM class, included projections on cost savings over fingerprick technology. The market is highly competitive. Currently FGM is approximately two-thirds the price of CGM.

- 1st priority (**CGM**): all individuals with Type 1 diabetes with moderate to severe hypoglycemia unawareness (indefinite coverage)
- 2nd priority (**CGM**): all pediatric individuals with Type 1 diabetes (indefinite coverage)
- 3rd priority (**Flash**): all adults with Type 1 diabetes with intact hypoglycemia-awareness (indefinite coverage)
- 4th priority (**Flash**): all individuals with Type 2 diabetes on intensive insulin (indefinite coverage)
- 5th priority (**Flash**): all individuals with Type 2 diabetes on basal insulin alone (intermittent coverage, 13 devices per year = 26 weeks)
- 6th priority (**Flash**): all individuals with newly diagnosed Type 2 diabetes (1 device every 14 days for 6 weeks).
- 7th priority (**Flash**): all individuals with Type 2 diabetes (1 device ever 12 weeks indefinitely)

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