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Canadian Extended Medical Insurance companies  
Attn Plan Managers

Dear Plan Managers

Re new flash glucose meter - Freestyle Libre 2

I'm writing to ensure you are aware of the existence of the new flash glucose meter from Abbott, the Freestyle Libre 2 "Libre 2". The Libre 2 went on sale the week of 2021-Mar-29 online and at selected pharmacies. The wholesale price is between \$93.45 & \$95.23. Costco lists it at \$104.99. Based on Costco pricing of \$89.97 for the original Freestyle Libre "original Libre", the Libre 2 is \$15 more expensive than the original Libre.

The Libre 2 is in every way superior to the original Libre, although as yet it does not come with a stand-alone reader. The biggest advantage of the Libre 2 over the original Libre is that it has some features of a full CGM: the user can set alarms for high, and more importantly, low sugar readings. As such, for all BCDiabetes clients considering a flash glucometer who have a suitable smartphone (iPhone 7 or newer; Android 9 or newer with NFC), I recommend the Libre 2 over the original Libre.

For more information on the CGM/FGM class of devices see [this BCDiabetes white paper](http://bit.ly/2OYPE2p) (see <http://bit.ly/2OYPE2p>).

Please call if you have any questions +1-360-559-8520

Yours sincerely,



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