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Summary of Testimony: We have found access to CGM to be near impossible for our patients. CGM makes a large an immediate difference in our patients lives and is directly responsible for preventing hypoglycemic emergencies in several of my commercial patients. Not covering CGM is causing direct harm to diabetic patients and is a disservice to our patients and providers.
Drug/Product: Freestyle Libre
Therapeutic Drug Class: CGM



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Summary of Testimony: I would like to recommend that we continue to use all the different continuous glucose monitoring device that are available on the market as an option for patients. As you know everyone's life situation is slightly different and what the parents, children, and other caretakers need can

vary on a case to case basis. Depending on the access to Wi-Fi and the need for other caretakers to be involved with patients with diabetes, it is important that we have available the Dexcom continuous glucose monitor as well as the freestyle libre continuous glucose monitor. In addition, some kids may like the Medtronic continuous glucose monitor. I am asking that we value the choices that patients have them continue to use all 3 monitors.

Drug/Product: Libre Freestyle CGM

Therapeutic Drug Class: Continuous Glucose Monitor

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Summary of Testimony: Continuous glucose monitors give continuous feedback on the effect of diet, exercise, medications, insulin on glycemic control and helps patients make informed treatment decisions. CGM is a game changer in diabetes management and patients need access to it. Patients without CGM do much poorly in terms of glycemic control.

Drug/Product: Continuous glucose monitoring

Therapeutic Drug Class: Continuous glucose monitoring

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Summary of Testimony: Support the use of home continuous glucose monitors for any patient with diabetes. These have been incredibly useful in my practice to help patients get real time feedback on diet and lifestyle efforts and to help me in managing medications. They have also helped identify dangerous nocturnal hypoglycemic events which have helped me adjust medication regimens to keep patients safer.

Drug/Product: Home continuous glucose monitors
Therapeutic Drug Class: Diabetes

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Summary of Testimony: As a provider who works with many pediatric patients with diabetes (type 1 and type 2), I have seen overwhelmingly how continuous glucose monitors (CGMs) can positively improve hemoglobin A1c values in our patients, thus improving their chances for better glycemic control and reducing their risk of diabetes complications. Seeing how CGMs help our patients to achieve improved glycemic control, my goal as a provider is to have as many of my patients with diabetes (insulin-dependent or not) on these devices. As an insurance company, you should also want all of your patients with diabetes on these devices, as it will reduce the chances that you will be spending large amounts of money on these patients later in life as they experience complications from their diabetes. Since we have also seen how patient input helps to improve compliance with medications and medical technology, it is also imperative that we allow our patients to choose which CGM they would like to use.

Drug/Product: Continuous Glucose Monitors
Therapeutic Drug Class: DME for patients with diabetes

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Summary of Testimony: CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITORING IS AN ESSENTIAL TOOL FOR BOTH PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS TO EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY MONITOR THEIR BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVELS. IT PROVIDES THE PATIENT WITH AUTONOMY AND EASE IN TAKING CONTROL OF THEIR HEALTH. IN MY PRACTICE, I HAVE SEEN DRASTIC IMPROVEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH KEEPING A GLUCOSE LOG; PATIENTS ARE ABLE TO GET A LARGER SPAN OF READINGS WITH LITTLE TO NO EFFORT COMPARED TO TRADITIONAL GLUCOSE

MONITORING. OUR DISCUSSIONS AND FOLLOW UP VISITS ARE MUCH MORE PRODUCTIVE, POSITIVE AND INTENTIONAL WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO REVIEW THEIR LOG BY THEIR GLUCOMETER OR PHONE APP. IN TURN, I AM SEEING SIGNIFICANT RESULTS IN THEIR A1C AND QUALITY OF LIFE. THE COMMUNITY I SERVE IS PRIMARILY UNDERSERVED OR UNDERINSURED, AND COMMONLY ENGLISH IS NOT THEIR FIRST LANGUAGE. WHEN THESE PATIENTS HAVE THE ABILITY TO FINANCIALLY AFFORD A CGM, IT PROVIDES THEM WITH SO MUCH HOPE TO HAVE A HEALTHIER FUTURE AND ENCOURAGES THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BECAUSE THEY ARE SEEING TANGIBLE/VISIBLE RESULTS IN THEIR LOGBOOK, DAILY PATTERS, TIME IN TARGET, DAILY GRAPH AND AVERAGE GLUCOSE. THE FREESTYLE LIBRE APP AND GLUCOMETER ARE A WAY FOR ME, AS A PROVIDER, TO BE MORE OF A REMINDER TO THE PATIENT WHEN THEY'RE OUTSIDE OF THE CLINIC BY SETTING REMINDERS AND ALARMS FOR THEIR READINGS. HISTORICALLY, CGM WAS MORE WIDELY USED IN ENDOCRINOLOGY CLINICS, HOWEVER THE REALITY OF OUR NATIONS STATE OF HEALTH IS THAT PATIENTS NEED THIS TYPE OF CARE OFFERED BY THEIR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS. TYPICALLY PATIENTS WAIT 6 OR MORE MONTHS TO SEE AN ENDOCRINOLOGIST TO CONSIDER CGM. IF THIS TOOL IS MORE READILY AVAILABLE AND COVERED FOR MY PATIENT BASE, THEY ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE CARE MUCH FASTER AND POTENTIALLY AVOID COMPLICATIONS RELATED TO UNCONTROLLED DIABETES. I WOULD ASK FOR THE CONSIDERATION FOR COVERAGE FOR THE FREESTYLE LIBRE CGM TO ALLOW FOR MY COLLEAGUES AND I TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ALLOW FOR PATIENTS TO TAKE BACK THEIR HEALTH; THIS SMALL STEP WOULD MAKE A LARGE IMPACT ON THE UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND PROVIDE A STATE-WIDE SHIFT IN THE WAY CLINICIANS CAN TACKLE DIABETES.

Drug/Product: FREESTYLE LIBRE CGM

Therapeutic Drug Class: N/A

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Summary of Testimony: We have a patient that was using Freestyle Libre prior to losing her insurance plan and switching to AHCCCS. Her glycemic control was poor and A1C was greater than 9 prior to using the Libre. Five months after using the Libre she was able to get her glucose in range and A1C less than 7%. Additionally we were able to address her hypoglycemia unawareness and adjust her insulin regimen accordingly, thus preventing a hospitalization. After switching to fingersticks, this patient's A1C increased back up to 10 and we can not get her CGM covered. Many patients can benefit from a CGM on formulary.

Drug/Product: Freestyle Libre 2

Therapeutic Drug Class: CGM

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Summary of Testimony: I am writing to support the use of FreeStyle Libre 2 continuous glucose monitoring with insulin requiring diabetic patients on AHCCCS. We have found this device extremely helpful in our practice. Patients' using basal and mealtime insulin need to monitor blood sugars at least 3-4 times daily to safely use insulins. Patients' resistance to blood sugar monitoring results in both personal and public health issues. Patients with diabetes on insulin that fail to monitor themselves risk unanticipated hypoglycemia. These patients are a risk to others in that most operate motor vehicles and do not assess blood sugar levels before getting behind the wheel of a car. Continuous glucose monitors alert patients to both elevated and low blood sugars. Patients are able to address elevated blood sugars before hyperglycemia results in dehydration or diabetic ketoacidosis. We have experienced many fewer hospital visits in patients on continuous glucose monitoring. Many of our patients prefer the Freestyle Libre 2 continuous glucose monitor over other systems because it is easy to use. It is easy to apply, we simply apply this sensor to the patient's arm and they feel comfortable using and changing the sensor moving forward. It is not bulky, it does not require calibration with capillary blood glucose testing and there is no transmitter requiring a second step and adding to the possibility of it getting lost. The sensor is not changed as frequently as other continuous glucose monitoring systems. If the patient has an iPhone the sensor will work with the App. The patient is able to review their data on their own and we download a month of data easily in the office and make insulin adjustments quickly and confidently. The patients that don't have compatible iPhones, require a reader to receive the signal from the blood sugar sensor. The reader or the App not only provide the diabetic patient with current blood sugar but more importantly give insight into the direction the blood sugar is moving so the patient is able to address their medical need while they are aware and competent to do so. Most importantly, patients become engaged in their therapy. For years I have heard the worst part of being diabetic is monitoring my blood sugars. The Freestyle Libre 2 system is simple to use and gives patients access to their blood sugars continuously. I have seen type I diabetic patients who are frequent hospital admissions for diabetic ketoacidosis become engaged, taking their insulin as prescribed and actually caring about their blood sugars. I have seen A-1 C's improved from 14 to 7 with the addition of continuous glucose monitoring. I have another patient who was recently discharged with A1 C of 12 and blood sugars consistently above 400 with hospital admissions for dehydration. When we first saw him, he had just been discharged from the hospital and had limited cognitive ability, he was extremely lethargic. We started him on a freestyle libre sensor and reader even prior to insurance approval of the device because of samples we had in the office. The patient started administering his insulin as prescribed and has become motivated in improving his blood sugars. He and his family no longer feel hopeless. Recently, he went to Costco with his family having skipped breakfast and the Freestyle Libre 2 alerted him to approaching hypoglycemia and he quickly drank a soda averting a need for paramedics or an ER visit. This patient says his Libre is a "game changer". Clearly, all diabetic patients benefit from monitoring their blood sugars appropriately. However with our insulin requiring diabetic patients, there are clear long term benefits for both the patients and the public to using this device. As practitioners, we see improved patient engagement by reducing the burden of blood sugar monitoring and better compliance with therapy. This will undoubtedly translate into slower progression of diabetes complications and fewer hospitalizations. I look forward to continuing to use evolving diabetes technology to improve the lives and health of these patients.

Drug/Product: Freestyle Libre 2 continuous glucose monitor.

Therapeutic Drug Class: continuous glucose monitor

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Summary of Testimony: I have been utilizing the Freestyle Libre for years with many patients with diabetes mellitus. I have found it is very user friendly. Patients have more awareness of their blood sugar readings throughout the day which positively influences blood glucose control, prevents hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia. I have seen extraordinary improvement in A1c values as a result of using this diabetes management tool

Drug/Product: Freestyle Libre Continuous Glucose Monitoring Device

Therapeutic Drug Class: Glucometer

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Summary of Testimony: Continuous glucose monitor therapy Benefits of CGM therapy The need to increase the use of CGM for Type 1 and Type 2 on insulin therapy and to remove the Prior authorization restrictions. The need to increase the use of CGM therapy for Type 2 diabetic patients not on insulin therapy as well as use in pre-diabetic patients.

Drug/Product: CGMs Dexcom G6

Therapeutic Drug Class: CGM Dexcom

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