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As announced on February 28, the Province of Nova Scotia will fund Sensor-based Glucose Monitoring (SBGM) supplies through a new income-based program and through existing Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs. SBGM will be available to Nova Scotia residents who have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes who meet specific criteria included below.

Patients can choose to apply for coverage through their Pharmacare Program (Family, Seniors' or DCS) or through the new SBGM Program.

In the SBGM Program, there will be an annual maximum deductible based on family size and income. The SBGM program is the payer of last resort.

In the Pharmacare Programs, coverage will be accessed through Pharmacare Programs with usual copays and premiums.

Processing of applications for coverage of the following SBGM supplies will begin June 3, 2024. Residents opting to enroll in the SBGM program can be referred to the SBGM website (<https://beta.novascotia.ca/register-sensor-based-glucose-monitoring-program>). Residents opting to obtain coverage through their existing Pharmacare Program can be directed to the Pharmacare website for the exception status form <https://novascotia.ca/dhw/pharmacare/exception-status-drugs.asp>

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PRODUCT	DIN	PRESCRIBER	BENEFIT STATUS	MFR
Dexcom G6 Sensor	97799136	DNP	E(SFD), G ¹	DEX
Dexcom G6 Transmitter	97799135	DNP	E(SFD), G ¹	DEX
Dexcom G7 Sensor	97798972	DNP	E(SFD), G ¹	DEX
Dexcom G7 Receiver	97798973	DNP	E(SFD), G ¹	DEX
FreeStyle Libre 2 Sensor	97799075	DNP	E(SFD), G ¹	MID
Guardian 3 Sensor	97799158	DNP	E(SFD), G ¹	MDT
Guardian 4 Sensor	97798971	DNP	E(SFD), G ¹	MDT
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For patients 2 years of age or older with Diabetes Mellitus (DM) AND who require multiple daily injections of insulin or insulin pump therapy as part of intensive insulin therapy. Multiple daily injections of insulin are defined as 1 (or more) injection(s) of basal insulin and 3 (or more) injections of bolus insulin, with a minimum of at least of 4 total insulin injections per day. 			

¹ Benefit Status code G represents the income-based SBGM program

The following reimbursement rules will be applied:

Abbott FreeStyle Libre 2:

- A maximum of six (6) sensors will be covered within a 3-month period
- A reader (where required) is available at no cost by contacting Libre Customer Service (1-888-205-8296).

Dexcom G6 and G7:

- A maximum of nine (9) sensors will be covered within a 3- month period.
- A Dexcom G6 Receiver (where required) is available at no cost by contacting Dexcom Customer Service (1-844-832-1810).
- A Dexcom G6 Transmitter (where required) can be dispensed from a community pharmacy and covered every 3 months.
- A Dexcom G7 Receiver (where required – one per lifetime) can be dispensed from a community pharmacy.

Medtronic Guardian 3 and 4:

- A maximum of 15 sensors (5 per box) will be covered within a 3-month period.
- A Transmitter (one per year) is available at no cost by contacting Medtronic Customer Service (1-800-284-4416).

Other information

- If a sensor needs to be replaced early (for example, it stops working or falls off), users must contact the manufacturer directly to request a replacement. Depending on the manufacturer and product, a replacement sensor may be shipped at no cost or an email voucher provided to redeem for a sensor at the pharmacy.
- Patients will need to use any other sources of insurance that are available to them first (e.g. private insurance). This includes situations in which the patient must submit manual receipts. Portions unpaid by the private insurance would then be sent to the SBGM program for reimbursement consideration.

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- Patients who wish to join the income-based program must complete the enrolment form and forward it to the SBGM Program office. A portion of the form must be completed by a physician, nurse practitioner, or pharmacist. This signature sign-off serves as verification the patient meets the clinical criteria for the glucose monitoring product, including being on the required daily injections of insulin.
- Patients who wish to use the Pharmacare programs must have an ESD form completed by a physician, nurse practitioner or pharmacist.

More information and forms can be found on the website: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/register-sensor-based-glucose-monitoring-program>)