

FAQ: DIABETES SUPPORTS FOR YOUNG MANITOBANS Advanced Glucose Monitor Coverage

ADVANCED GLUCOSE MONITORS

What are advanced glucose monitors (AGM)?

- AGM include both continuous glucose monitors (CGM) and flash glucose monitors (FGM).
- CGM and FGM are relatively new technologies that track glucose levels by using a tiny electrode called a glucose sensor implanted into the skin, and reducing the need to finger poke using a conventional blood glucose monitor.
- Both systems allow users, and those they share information with, to monitor and measure glucose levels. While CGM offers continuous surveillance and reporting, FGMs display readings when scanned.
- Children, youth and their families should work with their diabetes care team to determine which device is most appropriate for their needs.

How can I get coverage for CGM/FGM?

- Contact your Manitoba endocrinologist, diabetes specialist, or metabolic physician to discuss your eligibility.
- If you are eligible, your Manitoba endocrinologist, diabetes specialist, or metabolic physician can apply for Pharmacare coverage for you for the CGM/FGM technology by submitting the Exception Drug Status (EDS) request form to the EDS Program. The CGM/FGM form is available here: [Pharmacare Information for Health Professionals | Health and Seniors Care | Province of Manitoba \(gov.mb.ca\)](#)

When will coverage for AGMs start?

- Effective September 28, 2021, CGM and FGM are eligible benefits for clients aged 25 and younger who meet the criteria.
- Eligibility criteria for AGM (CGM/FGM) is published in Bulletin 113 here: [Bulletin Archive - Manitoba Drug Benefits and Interchangeability Formulary | Health and Seniors Care | Province of Manitoba \(gov.mb.ca\)](#)

Will I have to reach my deductible first to get AGM coverage?

- Yes, advanced glucose monitors (CGM/FGM) **are** subject to Pharmacare deductibles.
- A deductible is the dollar amount you are required to pay before Pharmacare starts to pay for eligible benefits. Once a Pharmacare application has been processed, Pharmacare will send a notification letter indicating the deductible amount. To estimate a family deductible, please go to the online [Pharmacare Deductible Estimator](#).
- Additional information can be found here: [General Questions about Pharmacare | Health and Seniors Care | Province of Manitoba \(gov.mb.ca\)](#)

How often can I get a refill for my prescription for AGM?

- Eligible Pharmacare clients may have up to 100 days' supply filled for drugs and other items covered on the Manitoba Formulary in any 90-day period in most situations.