



Australian Government

Department of Health

Changes to the Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) Initiative

I am writing to advise you of changes to the Australian Government's Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) Initiative delivered as part of the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS).

From 1 March 2020, the range of products subsidised under the CGM Initiative will be expanded to include the *FreeStyle Libre* Flash Glucose Monitoring System. The eligibility criteria for the CGM Initiative will also be streamlined to remove the 'high clinical need' requirement for people with type 1 diabetes who are 21 years of age or older and who have concessional status.

CGM Initiative – Available Products

The range of products previously available through the CGM Initiative will continue to be available with no change for patients accessing these products. From 1 March 2020, *FreeStyle Libre* sensors will also be available. These sensors will be distributed to participants in the CGM Initiative through community pharmacies in the same manner as other products provided under the scheme.

All products supplied through the CGM Initiative will continue to be fully subsidised with no patient copayment. The selection of products for individual users will continue to be a decision for health professionals in consultation with their patient.

Importantly, while all products subsidised under the CGM Initiative have been approved for use in Australia by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), the indicated uses of these products are not the same.

Details on products currently subsidised under the CGM Initiative are available online at ndss.com.au/cgm.

Streamlined Eligibility Criteria

The eligibility criteria for the CGM Initiative from 1 March 2020 will be as follows:

- children and young people, under 21 years of age, with type 1 diabetes;
- children and young people with conditions very similar to type 1 diabetes, such as cystic fibrosis related diabetes and neonatal diabetes, who require insulin;
- women with type 1 diabetes who are planning for pregnancy, pregnant, or immediately post-pregnancy; and
- people with type 1 diabetes aged 21 years or older who have concessional status.

Please note that the last criterion relating to people who are 21 years of age or older has changed to remove the requirement of 'high clinical need'. This will significantly increase the number of people who will be eligible to participate in the CGM Initiative.

In some cases, an individual who applied for access to the CGM Initiative but was found not to be eligible to participate in the scheme will now be eligible as a result of the changed criteria. These people will be contacted by the NDSS Helpline and assisted to enrol in the CGM Initiative.

Further information

You can access further information about the CGM Initiative, including the full eligibility criteria, list of available products and application process, from the NDSS website at ndss.com.au/cgm or by calling the NDSS Helpline on 1300 136 588.

Thank you for your assistance in supporting this important health initiative.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Sladic', written in a cursive style.

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