

CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITORS (CGM) AND SUPPLIES

Dexcom G6, Dexcom G7, Freestyle Libre 14 day, Freestyle Libre 2, Freestyle Libre 3

Refer to the durable medical equipment benefit (DME) for coverage of all other CGM monitors and supplies.

RATIONALE FOR INCLUSION IN PA PROGRAM

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