

Continuous Glucose Monitor Access for Medicaid Beneficiaries with Diabetes: State-By-State Coverage

Diabetes disproportionately affects Medicaid enrollees, who face higher rates of poor diabetes management, worse glycemic outcomes, and greater barriers to care.¹ These challenges often result in increased complications, such as kidney disease, lower-limb amputations, and cardiovascular issues. Medicaid agencies can play a critical role in improving diabetes care and outcomes by expanding access to continuous glucose monitors (CGMs).^{2,3,4,5}

CGMs are the standard of care for people with type 1 diabetes and recommended for people with type 2 diabetes who use insulin, take noninsulin treatments that can cause hypoglycemia, or could benefit from a CGM to support self-management.⁶ Significant evidence shows that CGMs can improve quality of life and health outcomes, while reducing health care costs.⁷

A growing number of states have implemented policies to reduce barriers to CGM access through Medicaid. This fact sheet outlines current Medicaid policies related to CGM access, including a state-by-state overview.



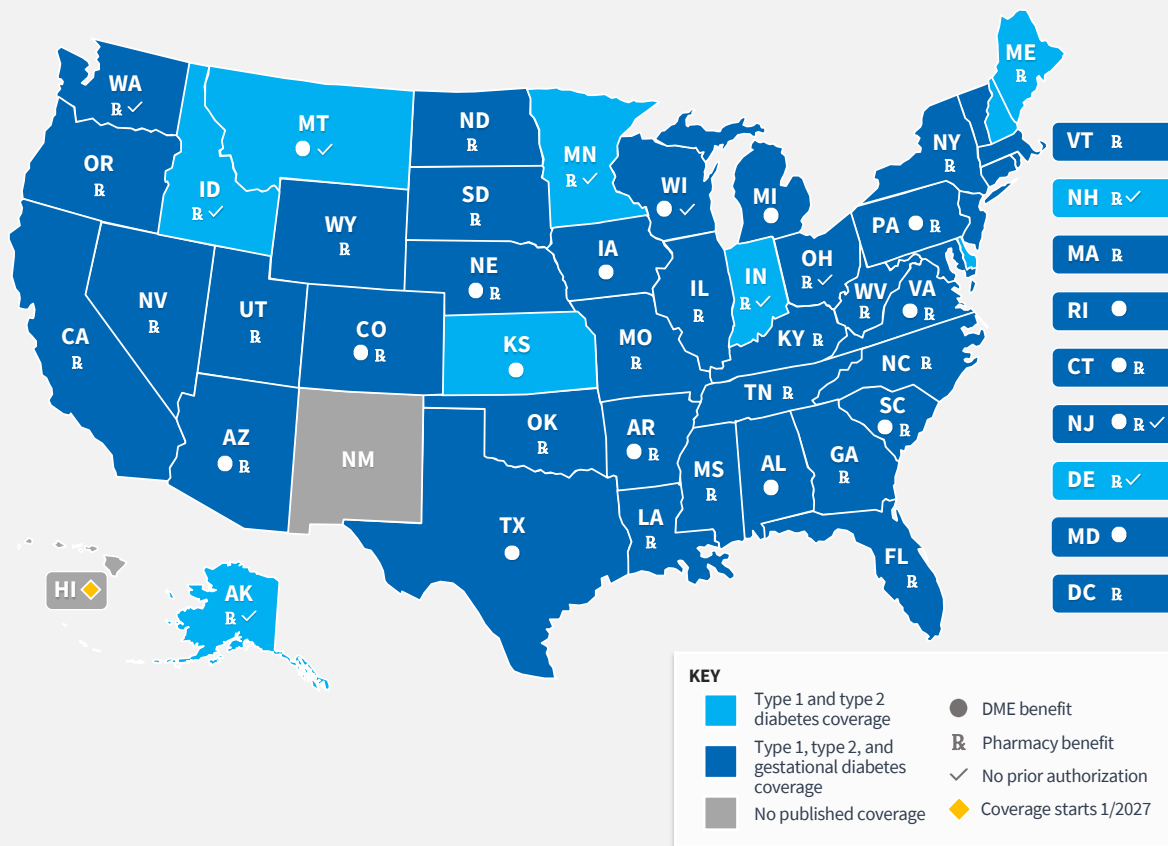
Medicaid CGM Coverage Landscape

As of July 2026, 48 states and D.C. provide some level of CGM fee-for-service coverage — an increase from 45 states and D.C. in May 2023. (For complete details, see the map on the next page.)

However, publicly reported CGM coverage policies continue to vary by state in terms of eligible patients, prior authorization and documentation requirements, eligible prescribers, and benefit classification. Additionally, states are rapidly evolving their policies and coverage pathways to reflect available evidence and state legislative requirements.

What is a CGM? A CGM is a medical device including a sensor, transmitter, and monitoring system that automatically tracks glucose levels continually and as often as every five minutes. The sensor is inserted by the patient just beneath the skin, typically on the arm or stomach, and connected to a transmitter that sends information to a monitor. It is either attached to an insulin pump as part of an [automated insulin delivery device](#) that triggers an insulin injection when needed or transmits information to a separate handheld device or smartphone app.

State CGM Coverage in Medicaid, July 2026



Key highlights as of July 2026* include:

- **Published fee-for-service coverage of CGMs is now available in nearly every state.** Since the Center for Health Care Strategies' (CHCS) [2023 coverage scan](#), the number of states without published fee-for-service coverage has declined from five to two: Hawaii[†] and New Mexico. In these states, CGMs may still be covered based on medical necessity or offered by managed care organizations as a value-added service.
- **Coverage has broadened to include adults and people with type 2 diabetes.** Three states — Alabama, Florida, and Georgia — that previously covered CGMs only for pediatric populations have expanded coverage to adults. All seven states that limited CGM coverage to people with type 1 diabetes in the 2023 analysis have now expanded to people with type 2 diabetes, with differing requirements on insulin use.⁸

* Coverage updates made after July 2026 and policies not publicly accessible may not be reflected in the map above and the following citations.

[†] Beginning January 1, 2027, Hawaii will require all health insurers, including Medicaid managed care organizations, to cover CGMs for enrollees with diabetes, regardless of insulin use.

- **Coverage is expanding for gestational diabetes (GDM).** CGM use for GDM can improve maternal and neonatal outcomes.⁹ Thirty-nine states and D.C.[‡] specified CGM coverage to include GDM. An increasing number of states do not require insulin use, recognizing that people with GDM are not always prescribed insulin.
- **States are making it easier for people to receive their CGMs by offering multiple access channels or moving to pharmacy.** Nine states — Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Nebraska, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia — offer CGMs as pharmacy and DME benefits, giving people more than one path to access. Another 30 states and D.C. have a CGM pharmacy benefit only. This can make access easier for people who already obtain diabetes medications through a pharmacy, avoiding separate authorization and supplier requirements under DME benefits.
- **States are reducing administrative burden by eliminating or automating prior authorization.** Eleven states — Alaska, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Washington State, and Wisconsin — do not require prior authorization for enrollees who meet clinical criteria and use products listed on the state's preferred drug list.[§] Another 16 states — Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Missouri, North Dakota, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island — and D.C. use automated approvals for CGMs. In this model, systems check claims for qualifying criteria, such as recent insulin fills or a GDM diagnosis, and automatically approve claims when criteria are met. Claims that do not meet qualifying criteria undergo manual review. Both models reduce burden for providers and support more timely access to CGMs for enrollees.
- **Twelve-month approval periods are becoming the standard.** Among states that retain prior authorizations, most now approve CGMs for 12 months at a time. A few states use shorter windows: West Virginia approves for three months initially and six months upon renewal. Colorado, Louisiana, and Oregon use six-month approvals. Nebraska and North Carolina start with six-month approvals before allowing 12-month renewals. Longer approval periods mean fewer reauthorizations, easing burden for enrollees and providers.

[‡] Comparison data from previous years is not available since CHCS' 2023 coverage scan did not analyze GDM coverage.

[§] CGMs on a state's preferred drug list typically do not require prior authorization. However, six states — Arizona, Mississippi, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and West Virginia — explicitly require prior authorization for CGMs even when they are on the preferred list.

State CGM Coverage in Medicaid: Map Data Sources

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