### DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR GESTATIONAL DIABETES

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### BACKGROUND FOR PRESENTATION

Some Medicaid patients diagnosed with gestational diabetes are unable to get diabetic testing supplies covered by Medicaid.

#### Goals:

- 1. Understand amounts and frequency of diabetic supply coverage on Medicaid
- 2. Review the requirements for a valid DME prescription
- 3. Discuss resources available when problems arise with DME prescriptions

### DIAGNOSIS CODE RANGE FOR BILLING AND DOCUMENTATION



Range 64880-64884



Claims Processed Electronically by HP



Keep Documentation in the Recipient's File



Documentation Monitored by Medicaid Quarterly

### **DIABETIC SUPPLIES**

Procedure Code for Gestational Diabetes	DME Product	How Supplied	Medicaid Allowances	PA Required
A4259	Lancets	Box of 100	2 per calendar month	No
A4253	Blood Glucose Test or Regent Strips for Monitor	Box of 50	4 per calendar month	No
E0607	Blood Glucose Monitor	1 Glucometer	1 every 5 years	No

# REQUIREMENTS FOR A DME PRESCRIPTION

- Recipient's Name
- Date Prescription is Written
- Description of DME Product (examples: strips, lancets, glucometers)
- Frequency of Blood Sugar Testing
- Quantity of Product if applicable
- Number of Refills
- Signature of Provider

# DME PRESCRIPTION INFORMATION

- Prescriptions must be specific. It can't simply read, "diabetic supplies."
- The refill number must be specific. Indefinite or lifetime refills are not allowed per Medicaid.
- A written prescription is valid for 12 months.
- A prescription is considered outdated by Medicaid, if it is presented to the pharmacy 90 days or more from the date it was written.

#### IDENTIFIED BARRIER TO CARE

- Patients are taking the prescription to a pharmacy that is not a Medicaid DME provider.
- Patients are told the prescription is not covered by Medicaid.
- Patients are given the option to pay cash for diabetic testing supplies.

#### MEDICAID DME PROVIDER LIST

Link on Medicaid's Website that lists DME providers by name and is organized by county:

https://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/4.0 \_Programs/4.3\_Pharmacy-DME/4.3.12\_DME/4.3.12\_DME\_provider\_L ist\_8-26-21.pdf

A provider's enrollment status can be verified by calling: 1-800-688-7989

Disclamer: Inclusion or exclusion of a provider on this list does not indicate active Medicaid provider enrollment. To verify a providers enrollment status, please contact the provider assistance center at 1-800-688-7989.

County	Name	Complete Street Address	City/State/ Zip	Phone Number
Autauga	SHARPE'S HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	213 S COURT ST	PRATTVILLE,AL 36067-3029	(334) 358-1644
Autauga	CVS PHARMACY #04838	708 E MAIN ST	PRATTVILLE,AL 36067-3620	(334) 365-0661
Autauga	CVS PHARMACY #17348	2754 LEGENDS PKWY	PRATTVILLE,AL 36066-7748	(334) 290-6001
Autauga	CVS PHARMACY 4944	1904 COBBS FORD RD	PRATTVILLE,AL 36066-7712	(334) 365-7606
Autauga	WALMART PHARMACY 10-0483	1903 COBBS FORD RD	PRATTVILLE,AL 36066-7230	(334) 365-7774
Autauga	MEDLINE INDUSTRIES, INC.	735 COUNTY ROAD 4 E	PRATTVILLE,AL 36067-6613	(334) 361-6444
County	Name	Complete Street Address	City/State/ Zip	Phone Number
Baldwin	EXPRESS HEALTHCARE INC	365A COMMERCIAL PARK DR	FAIRHOPE,AL 36532-1912	(251) 990-9119
Baldwin	BAY HOME MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.	406 MEDICAL CENTER DR	JASPER,AL 35501-3400	(205) 221-8305
Baldwin	BAY HOME MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.	910 NICHOLS AVE	FAIRHOPE,AL 36532-3684	(251) 990-3941
Baldwin	MED SOUTH INC	406 MEDICAL CENTER DR	JASPER,AL 35501-3400	(205) 221-8305
Baldwin	MED SOUTH INC	1420 N MCKENZIE ST	FOLEY,AL 36535-2234	(251) 943-9119
Baldwin	COASTAL THERAPEUTICS INC.	28260 US HIGHWAY 98SUITE 4	DAPHNE,AL 36526-7076	(251) 626-5691
Baldwin	PERFORMANCE PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS	15467 STATE HIGHWAY 59 UNIT 1	FOLEY,AL 36535-2926	(251) 943-0797
Baldwin	ALABAMA CVS PHARMACY, L.L.C.	9917A SPANISH FORT BLVD	DAPHNE.AL 36527-5603	(251) 626-3113

# WHAT IF THE PHARMACY SAYS THE PRODUCT IS NOT COVERED?

- Questions the patient can ask:
- A. Is the pharmacy a Medicaid DME provider?
- B. Did the pharmacy bill the product as a DME claim?
- C. Is there another product that would be covered?
- D. Can you transfer my prescription to another pharmacy?

# MEDICAID DME CONTACT FOR PROVIDERS

- Kepro Contact: 1-800-426-7259 or 1-800-472-2902
- Alabama Medicaid DME Program Manager: (334)242-5050

#### REFERENCES

Alabama Medicaid Agency Website Alabama Medicaid Provider Manual: Chapter 14 pages 11, 17-19