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PQ: 41330/24

**To ask the Minister for Health if the FreeStyle Libre device which is currently available to type 1 diabetics will be made available to people with type 2 diabetes who are insulin dependent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jim O'Callaghan**

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 41330/24), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) published the rapid Health Technology Assessment (HTA) of Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) in Adults with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus on 29th September 2023. The published document can be found at the following link:

[Rapid Health Technology Assessment of Continuous Glucose Monitoring in Adults with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus | HIQA](#)

A single reimbursement application system for CGM sensors came into effect on 1st December 2023.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/pcrs/circulars/pharmacy/pharmacy-circular-033-23-cgm-reimbursement-system.pdf>

Clinicians can apply through the secure online portal for reimbursement support of CGM sensors such as Freestyle Libre sensors to be considered under a person's Community Drug Scheme eligibility.

Reimbursement of CGM at this point in time is based on the HIQA HTA and is for patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus who have required insulin from the outset.

Reimbursement does not extend to other cohorts such as people with type 2 diabetes who require insulin, previously diagnosed type 2 diabetes which is now classified as type 1 diabetes based on laboratory

investigations such as C-peptide measurement or diabetes-specific autoantibodies (evolving type 1 diabetes without the typical acute presentation) or latent autoimmune diabetes of adulthood (LADA) etc. These cohorts were not considered in the HIQA HTA.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle', written in dark ink.

Suzanne Doyle  
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