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To ask the Minister for Health if he will make the freestyle libre 2 system available on medical card to those using both metformin and insulin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Pádraig O'Sullivan

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 25471/25), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) Rapid Health Technology Assessment (HTA) of Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) in Adults with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus was published on 29th September 2023. The published document can be found at: [Rapid Health Technology Assessment of Continuous Glucose Monitoring in Adults with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus | HIQA](#)

In line with the advice from HIQA and due to the budget impact associated with CGM sensors, including FreeStyle Libre 2®, the HSE established a single national reimbursement application system for all CGM sensors on the reimbursement list on 01/12/2023.

Reimbursement support for CGM sensors at this point in time is based on the HIQA HTA and is for patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus regardless of age, who have required insulin from the outset. Reimbursement does not extend to other cohorts such as people with type 2 diabetes who require insulin, or patients previously diagnosed with type 2 diabetes which is now classified as type 1 diabetes based on laboratory investigations such as C-peptide measurement or diabetes-specific autoantibodies. To date, a HTA of CGM sensors for people with type 2 diabetes mellitus or other types of diabetes excluded from the HTA referenced above, such as latent autoimmune diabetes in adults (LADA), type 3c diabetes, monogenic forms of diabetes etc. has not been undertaken. Therefore, there is limited information to support the extension of reimbursement to this cohort, including cost-effectiveness assessment and budget impact of same.

An application for reimbursement support of CGM sensors can be submitted for any patient, and each application is reviewed centrally by the HSE-Medicines Management Programme (MMP) on a case-by-case basis.

The single national reimbursement application system and central assessment of applications ensures that there is equitable application of the reimbursement criteria for CGM sensors. Healthcare professionals can appeal the outcome of a reimbursement application.

If a prescriber wishes, the outcome of a negative decision can be appealed directly via email to the HSE Medicines Management Programme at mmp@hse.ie, or a new application can be submitted via the online application system. Appeals must be made by the patient's clinician and should include any additional information to support the unmet clinical need for CGM sensors.

Appeals are reviewed on a case-by-case basis, reviewing the information provided in the initial online application and the information in the appeal submission to the HSE Medicines Management Programme. The final reimbursement recommendation is communicated back to the clinician via email or the online application system.

Yours sincerely,

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The Health Service Executive operates the General Medical Services Scheme, which includes Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards, under the Health Act 1970, as amended. It has established a dedicated contact service for members of the Oireachtas specifically for queries relating to the status of Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards applications, which the Deputy / Senator may wish to use for an earlier response. Tel: 01-8647180 / email: Oireachtas.pcrs@hse.ie