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RE: Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM)

Dear Pharmacist,

The Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) published the rapid Health Technology Assessment of Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) in Adults with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus on 29th September 2023. The published document can be found at <https://www.hiqa.ie/reports-and-publications/health-technology-assessment/rapid-health-technology-assessment-continuous>.

In line with the advice from HIQA and due to the budget impact associated with CGM sensors, the HSE will establish a single managed access programme for all CGM systems for all individuals with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus regardless of age. This online reimbursement application system will replace the current managed access system in place for FreeStyle Libre 1 and will apply to all CGM sensors on the Reimbursement List.

The reimbursement application system will continue to be confined to those hospital clinicians responsible for the initiation of CGM systems for individuals with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus. It's intended that the online reimbursement application system will be in place by the end of the year and will be managed by the HSE Medicines Management Programme (MMP).

Reimbursement support for CGM sensors under Community Drug Schemes is for Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus only. Reimbursement of these products has not been extended to any other patient cohort.

To manage the growing expenditure in this area, the HSE Medicines Management Programme will be initiating work on a preferred CGM sensor(s) over the coming weeks.

Further information on the managed access system and the MMP preferred product initiative will be communicated in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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