



Introducing the AAHomecare Diabetes Council A One-Page Overview

AAHomecare's Diabetes Council is comprised of leading durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) suppliers, representing over 70% of the continuous glucose monitors (CGMs) and external infusion pump market, dedicated to improving access to diabetes care and advancing the wellbeing of individuals affected by diabetes.¹ The Diabetes Council recognizes the transformative impact of technological advancements on diabetes care. The Diabetes Council's primary goal is to champion policies and initiatives that ensure equitable access to affordable, high-quality care for the growing population affected by diabetes.

Current Diabetes Landscape: Diabetes, marked by elevated blood sugar levels, affects over 34 million Americans, imposing a substantial burden on both individuals and the healthcare system. This chronic condition contributes to rising healthcare costs, diminished productivity, and increased chronic health complications. The United States is currently grappling with a growing diabetes epidemic, and projections suggest that by 2030, the diabetes population may surpass 39 million, further straining the healthcare infrastructure and accessibility to care.²

Benefits of CGMs: CGM technology revolutionizes diabetes care by delivering real-time data for immediate decision-making on insulin dosing, diet, and lifestyle. CGMs' instantaneous feedback minimizes the risk of hypoglycemic and hyperglycemic events through early detection and alerts. With less invasive monitoring and remote sharing capabilities, CGMs provide lifestyle flexibility, empowering users in their daily choices. As a crucial preventative treatment, CGMs not only enhance the quality of life for individuals with diabetes but lower systemic costs by avoiding emergency and other hospitalizations while also fostering awareness, patient empowerment, and peace of mind in managing this chronic condition.

Council Objectives: The Diabetes Council operates with a set of key objectives:

1. **Accessible Care:** Championing policies and initiatives that promote equitable access to diabetes care and management.
2. **Demonstrating Benefits:** Increasing public awareness to enhance understanding about diabetes treatment and management services provided by DMEPOS suppliers.
3. **Policy Influence:** Engaging with policymakers to shape legislation that prioritizes patient-centered diabetes care that ensures affordable access to essential therapies.

Through these concerted efforts, the Diabetes Council aims to make a meaningful impact on the care for diabetes, fostering a future where all individuals can access high-quality, affordable care, effectively manage their conditions, and lead healthy, fulfilling lives.

¹ Based on 2022 Medicare FFS claims data for codes xxx

² Lin J, Thompson TJ, Cheng YJ, Zhuo X, Zhang P, Gregg E, Rolka DB. Projection of the future diabetes burden in the United States through 2060. *Popul Health Metr.* 2018 Jun 15;16(1):9. doi: 10.1186/s12963-018-0166-4. PMID: 29903012; PMCID: PMC6003101.