



COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

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**TO ALL SERVICES HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS OR INSURERS THAT WRITE
HEALTH INSURANCE IN PUERTO RICO**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 361 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF
PUERTO RICO TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR KINDS OF GLUCOMETERS
AND THEIR SPECIFICATIONS**

Dear Sirs and Madams:

On December 6, 2016, the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico issued Administrative Order No 361 to provide the guidelines and specifications for the kinds of glucometers covered under Public Law No. 177, enacted on August 13, 2016. Enclosed is Administrative Order No. 361 of the Department of Health.

The following guidelines are provided in that administrative order:

1. Health services organizations or insurers will cover the glucometers that have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). To obtain the most recent information regarding approved glucometers, you may access the link included in the administrative order.
2. In compliance with CMS guidelines, children up to 21 years of age shall receive the health care they need, including supplies and treatment, and these shall be of high quality.
3. If the endocrinologist orders a specific glucometer due to the treatment used by the patient, the endocrinologist shall submit a justification. In that case the health services organization or insurer shall cover the glucometer brand ordered by the

endocrinologist. The health services organization or insurer will be responsible for having the glucometers distributors comply with these requirements.

4. With regard to coverage for the insulin infusion pump, the selection of the brand of this device will be determined the endocrinologist based on the age of the patient, the level of physical activity of the patient, and the patient's and/or the caregiver's knowledge regarding the condition. Because the endocrinologist is the specialized physician who has the necessary knowledge to determine what kind and/or brand of insulin infusion pump the patient requires, the health services organization or the insurer will cover the insulin pump ordered by the endocrinologist.

We urge all health insurance organizations and insurers that issue health insurance in Puerto Rico to make the appropriate arrangement to comply with this administrative order.

Strict compliance with this Ruling Letter is hereby required.

Very truly yours,

SIGNED

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Enclosure