



September 1, 2022

Governor Gavin Newsom  
 1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Exemption of Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) Systems from AB 97 (Ch. 3/2011) Provider Cuts**

Dear Governor Newsom,

The listed organizations are writing to express our APPRECIATION for your leadership in protecting diabetes patients from disruption of CGM access and care, by exempting CGMs from Medi-Cal provider cuts in this year's State Budget.

As you know, CGMs were added as a covered Medi-Cal benefit for adult patients with diabetes just this past January. However, because of the cross operation of a decade-old law (AB 97 Ch.3/2011), Medi-Cal reimbursements for CGMs were **below** actual costs, making it unfeasible for some providers to offer these life-changing medical devices to patients.

Since the beginning of the year, your staff at the Department of Health Care Services and the Department of Finance worked diligently with us through a thoughtful process to remedy this situation. They examined patient impacts, fiscal implications, and stakeholder data in coming to the determination that AB 97 exemptions for CGMs should be part of the May Revision.

We want to acknowledge their efforts as the 2022 legislative session comes to a close, and to thank you for your commitment to ensuring Medi-Cal patient access to CGMs. Your actions improve health equity and mitigate risk of diabetes-related COVID-19 complications that continue to disproportionately impact California's African-American and Latino communities.

We look forward to future endeavors that enhance diabetes management and bring about a healthier California.

Sincerely,

Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed)  
American Diabetes Association  
American Nurses Association\California (ANA\C)  
Association of California Health Care Districts  
Association of California Nurse Leaders (ACNL)  
Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists (California Coordinating Body)  
Beyond Type 1  
Biocom  
California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
California Access Coalition  
California Alliance of Caregivers  
California Association for Nurse Practitioners  
California Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists  
California Association of Health Facilities  
California Black Health Network  
California Children's Hospital Association  
California Chronic Care Coalition  
California Life Sciences Association  
California Pharmacists Association  
California Retailers Association  
Children's Specialty Care Coalition  
Children With Diabetes  
Clinical Association of California Endocrinologists  
College Diabetes Network  
DiabetesSisters  
Diabetes Leadership Council

Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition  
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
National Association of Chain Drug Stores  
Perianesthesia Nurses Association of California  
Taking Control of Your Diabetes  
T1D Exchange  
The diaTribe Foundation

Cc: Michelle Baass, Director, Department of Health Care Services  
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