



December 26, 2023

The Honorable Lester Martinez-Lopez, MD  
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs  
U.S. Department of Defense  
1200 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Assistant Secretary Martinez-Lopez

The Military Coalition (TMC) represents more than 5.5 million service members, veterans, their families, and survivors. One of TMC's top priorities is ensuring TRICARE coverage policy keeps up with evolving technology and treatment protocols. We urge the Defense Health Agency (DHA) to align TRICARE coverage criteria for Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) systems with recent Medicare and Veterans Health Administration policy updates.

Current TRICARE policy requires beneficiaries seeking CGMs to self-test blood glucose at least four times a day and to undergo multiple daily insulin injections or insulin pump therapy. Both Medicare and the Veterans Health Administration recently removed similar criteria from their coverage policies to make CGMs available to patients with diabetes being treated with daily insulin.

We appreciate DHA efforts to provide more efficient and effective health care through military health system reforms. Greater access to CGM technologies would improve the health of TRICARE beneficiaries with diabetes by providing detailed data that can help doctors and patients better manage their care.

TRICARE is a key component of the compensation and benefits package that sustains the all-volunteer force – it must keep pace as health care evolves. We urge you to update TRICARE criteria for CGM coverage as soon as possible. TMC appreciates on-going engagement with the DHA as we all strive to ensure the quality healthcare servicemembers, retirees, their families and survivors have earned. Thank you for your continued support of our military community.

Sincerely,

President,  
The Military Coalition

CC: Lieutenant General Telita Crosland, Director, Defense Health Agency

See attached list of organizations

The Military Coalition:

AMSUS, the Society of Federal Health Professionals

Blue Star Families (BSF)

Blinded Veterans Association (BVA)

Commissioned Officers Association of the US Public Health Service (COA)

Chief Warrant & Warrant Officers Association, United States Coast Guard (CWOA)

Fleet Reserve Association (FRA)

Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (JWV)

Marine Corps League (MCL)

Marine Corps Reserve Association (MCRA)

Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America (MCA)

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)

National Military Family Association (NMFA)

Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA)

Reserve Organization of America (ROA)

Service Women's Action Network (SWAN)

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)

United States Army Warrant Officers Association (USAWOA)

U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association & Enlisted Association (CPOA)

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)