**FreeStyle Libre 2 system \*Repeat prescription amendment required\***

We would like to bring to your attention that the ‘*FreeStyle Libre 2 flash glucose monitoring system*’ is now available on the NHS BSA Drug Tariff. From January 2021, all new users will be provided the FreeStyle Libre 2 system. There is no change to the tariff price or cost impact of making this change.

**What are the differences between the FreeStyle Libre system and the FreeStyle Libre 2 system?**

Just like the FreeStyle Libre system, the FreeStyle Libre 2 system is discreet, convenient and easy to use1. Because of its excellent accuracy2,3, there’s no need to prick your finger when using the FreeStyle Libre 2 system - even when glucose is low, falling or rapidly changing. However, finger pricks are required if glucose readings and alarms do not match symptoms or expectations.

The FreeStyle Libre 2 system also offers peace of mind when you need it most with three optional real-time alarms for those who need them. There is a Low Glucose Alarm, High Glucose Alarm and Signal Loss Alarm.

More information about the FreeStyle Libre 2 system: [www.freestylediabetes.co.uk/update](http://www.freestylediabetes.co.uk/update)

**What is the process for existing Freestyle Libre users?**

Patients can be informed of this change at their next routine appointment, and request a prescription change to Freestyle Libre 2 sensor. The repeat prescription record is updated as follows:

FREESTYLE LIBRE 2

QUANTITY: 2 SENSORS / 28 DAYS (1 SENSOR LASTS 14 DAYS)

PIP CODE: 416-3416

**Please ensure that the previous prescription of FreeStyle Libre sensors [PIP: 405-9028] is removed from the patient’s repeat record.**

**Does the patient require a new reader to scan the FreeStyle Libre 2 sensor?**

The FreeStyle Libre 2 sensor can be scanned with either the free, FreeStyle LibreLink app4 or with a FreeStyle Libre 2 reader. However, patients choose which device they want to receive alarms: FreeStyle Libre 2 reader or FreeStyle LibreLink app. They must start their FreeStyle Libre 2 sensor with that selected device. Once the patient scans their FreeStyle Libre 2 sensor with that device, they can receive alarms only on that device.

Many patients choose to use the free, FreeStyle LibreLink app4 to scan their sensor. These patients can continue to use their app to scan FreeStyle Libre 2 sensors, they do not need to download a new app. The patient must ensure that they have updated their app to the latest version (2.5) to enable additional functionality of the FreeStyle Libre 2 system.

Existing patients using FreeStyle Libre that do not have a compatible phone to download the FreeStyle LibreLink app will need to request a new Reader. Users can request a new FreeStyle Libre 2 reader free of charge from Abbott. They will need to provide the serial number of their current FreeStyle Libre reader; however, they will not be required to return this to Abbott.

From 5th January 2021, Reader replacements will be provided by Abbott free of charge, direct to patient. Healthcare professionals should direct their patients who need a FreeStyle Libre 2 reader to the online request portal:

[www.freestylelibre.co.uk/replacement](http://www.freestylelibre.co.uk/replacement) (Note: this page will not be live until 5th January 2021).

The Customer Careline is also available to support those patients unable to access the online portal: 0800 170 1177 (Mon-Fri 08:00 – 20:00, Sat 09:00 – 17:00 excl. bank holidays)

From January 2021, readers provided to new patients will be FreeStyle Libre 2 readers.

References:

1. Data on file, Abbott Diabetes Care, Inc. | 2. Alva S, et al. Accuracy of a 14-Day Factory-Calibrated Continuous Glucose Monitoring System With Advanced Algorithm in Pediatric and Adult Population With Diabetes. Journal of Diabetes Science and Technology. September 2020. doi:10.1177/1932296820958754. | 3. Data on file, Abbott Diabetes Care, Inc. | 4. Patients choose which device they want to receive alarms: FreeStyle Libre 2 reader or FreeStyle LibreLink app. They must start their FreeStyle Libre 2 sensor with that selected device. Once the patient scans their FreeStyle Libre 2 sensor with that device, they can receive alarms only on that device. The FreeStyle LibreLink app is only compatible with certain mobile devices and operating systems. Please check the website for more information about device compatibility before using the app. Use of FreeStyle LibreLink requires registration with LibreView