



## CNAP Interim Update #3 – Diabetes Supplies

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### [Register Now for Legislative Day 2010](#)

Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> is the day that APRNs and APRN students from all over the state will gather in Austin for Legislative Day 2010.

This is your opportunity to get the newest information on APRN legislative issues and practice making legislative visits with lots of support from colleagues. [CLICK HERE](#) for details and the link to the registration page.

Register by February 14<sup>th</sup> to receive the special registration rate of \$50. Those registering on or after February 15<sup>th</sup> will be charged \$75. Please contact Jan Allen, CNAP's Administrative Director ([jae4@prodigy.net](mailto:jae4@prodigy.net)), if you have any problems or questions about registration.

The event will be held at the beautiful and luxurious AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center. Make your hotel reservations by February 14<sup>th</sup> to get the special room rate of \$139 for single or double occupancy. To reserve a room, call 877-744-8822 or go online at [www.meetatexas.com](http://www.meetatexas.com) and reference CNAPLD210 to receive the group rate.

### [Diabetes Supplies: Medicaid Program Changes](#)

As of November 1, 2009, the Texas Medicaid Program no longer

requires a Title XIX DME/Medical Supplies Physician Order Form to order glucose testing equipment and supplies. This means that NPs and CNSs may order diabetes supplies for patients insured by Medicaid. However, before ordering these supplies NPs and CNSs need to know the requirements.

The order for diabetes supplies must meet certain requirements that are detailed in an article on the Texas Medicaid Healthcare Partnership Website titled, "[Revised Documentation Criteria for Home Health Glucose Testing Equipment and Supplies](#)." That article contains the following information.

### **Preliminary Verbal and Written Orders**

If the written orders do not contain all of the information required for detailed written orders or if the orders are verbal, DME providers may dispense glucose testing equipment and supplies as long as the prescribing provider's written, fax, electronic, or verbal order includes at least the following information:

- A description of the item(s).
- The client's name.
- The name of the physician or authorized prescribing provider.
- The date of the order.

Before submitting a claim to Texas Medicaid, DME providers must have on file a detailed written order with the required information. No other documentation is required.

### **Detailed Written Orders**

A completed detailed written order must be signed and dated by the authorized prescribing provider. All signatures and dates must be current, unaltered, original, and either handwritten or electronic. Stamped signatures and dates will not be accepted.

***Note: An authorized prescribing provider for glucose testing equipment and supplies includes physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist.***

A detailed written order must contain all the following information:

- Client's name.
- The date of the preliminary verbal or written order if different from the date the prescribing provider signed the detailed written order.
- Description of the item(s) to be provided.
- Quantity to dispense (quantity required per day or month).

The detailed written order must be received by the DME supplier within 90 days from the date of the prescribing provider's signature. Detailed written orders are valid for 6 months

*The prescribing provider must retain a copy of the signed and dated order in the client's medical record. The DME provider must retain the faxed, photocopied, electronic, or pen-and-ink signed and dated detailed written order in the client's medical record.*

### **Response if a Supplier Refuses to Accept an Order from a CNS or NP**

Most pharmacists and medical suppliers are welcoming the change to allow NPs and CNSs to order diabetes supplies. However, some may be confused by TMHP Banner Message #15 published on October 30, 2009.

This is an update to an article published on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com) on October 23, 2009, titled "Texas Medicaid Diabetic Equipment and Supplies Home Health Benefits to Change." The article was removed from the TMHP website, because changes to the diabetes equipment and supplies Home

Health benefit have not been finalized. Providers should disregard the previously published article and monitor future provider notifications for updates.

Unfortunately, the message did not state that some of the information in the original article had not been withdrawn and the valid information expanding the types of practitioners that could order diabetes supplies was re-posted on November 6, 2009. The link to that November 6th article on revised documentation criteria (paragraph 2) is the current and correct information that should be shared with anyone questioning if Medicaid will accept an order from a CNS or NP.

### **Additional Changes in Process**

Unfortunately, Medicaid staff did not include CNMs as practitioners who can order diabetes supplies. CNAP is currently working with the Medicaid Program to correct this oversight. It may take up to a year to implement a change to include CNMs.