Diabetes technology can provide opportunities for a greater quality of life and improved diabetes outcomes. Technology can be expensive, so it's important to do as much research as you can upfront.

Cost Tips:

- Talk to your diabetes care team about costs and avenues you can take to reduce your costs;
- Consult with your insurance company about your plan's coverage;
- Research the locations to purchase supplies and the related costs;
- Look at costs for a 30-day supply vs. a 90-day supply and who ships to you (suppliers);
- If you find that you are not covered for devices or supplies, check with your doctor because he/she may be able to write a medical necessity letter that you can provide to your insurance;
- Research information on how to extend the life of your diabetes technology;
- Additional insurance cards may or may not be of value; you can do the research so see what these cards will cover; and,

Determining Your Cost for a Device:

1. You ask for a cost to you;
2. The provider begins an Assignment of Benefit (AOB) procedure:
    - You give them permission to contact your insurance provider and the doctor; and,
    - You can also fill out the AOB online, usually stated as "Get Started" on the manufacturer's website;
3. Your provider completes a letter of medical necessity and other supporting information (if needed). This serves as the prescription for the device;
4. This information is then submitted to the insurance provider to await final approval; and,
5. Ship date for device is set upon insurance approval.

Warranties for Devices

Every device has a different warranty. The warranty is the amount of time the manufacturer will fix or replace the device without charging you. If the device is lost, you must replace it

at your cost. Contact the manufacturer to obtain warranty timelines. Once you are past warranty many insurance companies will pay to replace the device. Contact the manufacturer once you are out of warranty on your current device.

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Recommended

CGM and Flash Monitoring Comparison

Pump Options