Based on medical necessity and satisfaction of the criteria below and all other terms of the Mississippi Medicaid program, this item is available for coverage for:

_X_ Beneficiaries under age 21

___ ~~Beneficiaries age 21 and over who are receiving services through the home health program~~

___ All beneficiaries (no age restriction)

___ Beneficiaries who are pregnant

The provider must refer to the current fee schedule for the acceptable codes and fee schedule allowances available under Medicaid.

The following criteria for coverage apply to insulin pumps:

This item may be approved for:

___ Rental only

___ Purchase only

___ Rental for X months, then recertification is required

_X_ Rental up to the purchase amount or purchase when indicated

~~This item must be ordered by an endocrinologist or physician experienced in pump therapy.~~

This item must be ordered by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant trained and experienced in the management of insulin pump therapy. It shall be the responsibility of the prescribing provider and supplier of the insulin pump to be able to verify their training/experience if requested by the Division of Medicaid or other authorized parties.

An insulin pump is a small battery-driven pump that delivers insulin subcutaneously. ~~into the abdominal wall~~. The pump can be programmed to deliver varying doses of insulin in accordance with changes in need for insulin during different conditions such as eating, exercise, sleep, or at a specific time of day.

An insulin pump will be covered when one or more of the following apply:

- The beneficiary has insulin dependent diabetes where control has been difficult to achieve.
- The beneficiary has fluctuating blood sugars and is on 3 or more injections per 24 hours.
- The beneficiary is receiving treatment of secondary diabetic complications that require closer blood glucose control.

The beneficiary/caregiver(s) must be able to demonstrate the ability and commitment to comply with the regimen of pump care, frequent self-monitoring of blood glucose and careful attention to diet and exercise. This should be evaluated and determined by a professional with experience in the use of the pump.