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:

___ Beneficiaries under age 21

_X_ 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 other physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant experienced in the treatment of diabetes and in the management of the 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. 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 criteria are satisfied:

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

In addition, the prescribing provider, with experience in the use of the pump and in a position to monitor the clinical course of the patient, must be able to document that the beneficiary and/or caregiver demonstrates:

- Motivation to control the diabetes and to comply with the pump regiment and
- The ability to learn how to use the pump effectively and the ability to comply with the regimen of the pump care, and
- A commitment to comply with diet, exercise, medications, and frequent self monitoring of blood glucose.

The prescribing provider and supplier of the pump must also ensure that the beneficiary and/or caregiver are fully educated about the beneficiary's diabetic condition and use of the insulin pump.