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## \*\*Important Notice Regarding Levemir® Discontinuation\*

Dear Medicaid Provider,

Change Healthcare was notified by Novo Nordisk that they will be discontinuing Levemir® (insulin detemir) injection in the United States. Supply disruptions of Levemir® FlexPen® are expected in mid-January 2024, lasting up until the discontinuation date on **April 1, 2024.** Levemir® in vials is expected to be discontinued on **December 31, 2024.** Pharmacies may continue to dispense these products until the available supply has been exhausted. Advanced notice is being sent to providers to allow as much time as possible in preparation for the removal of these products and begin transitioning patients to alternatives. The following are preferred alternatives for Vermont Medicaid, available without prior authorization:

- LANTUS® (insulin glargine)
- TOUJEO® (insulin glargine)
- TOUJEO® MAX (insulin glargine)
- TRESIBA® (insulin degludec)

The above products have a low net cost to Vermont Medicaid. This category of drugs continues to be monitored and periodically adjusted if new cost-effective products become available. If you feel it is medically necessary for your patient to use a non-preferred product, prior authorization will be required.

For questions, please contact the Change Healthcare Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-844-679-5362. Vermont providers can also send inquiries via email to **PBA\_VTHelpdesk@changehealthcare.com**.

Thank you for your continued support of Vermont's clinical pharmacy programs.