



# ADVOCACY UPDATE

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Dear Lynn,

Right now, health insurance for many hardworking, low income Californians with diabetes does not cover continuous glucose monitors (CGM) even if their doctors prescribes it. Thirty one states' Medicaid programs already cover CGM, but our state does not.

Fortunately, California's legislature passed AB 447 to fix this problem. This bill had overwhelming bipartisan support. Now it's time for our Governor to support this legislation.

**[Will you stand up for Californians with diabetes and tell the Governor that medical coverage of CGM is critical?](#)** As someone with diabetes, you know that many complications can be prevented or tools to manage their glucose.

**[Please act TODAY to let Governor Brown know](#)** how important it is to provide this coverage to help people with diabetes on Medi-Cal avoid the disease's disabling and deadly complications. Thank you for all you do to Stop Diabetes.

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# <http://data.inewssource.org/interactives/diabetes-related-amputations-2010-2016/Diabetes-related-amputations-2010-2016>

*inewssource* requested data from the California [Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development](#) detailing the number of diabetes-related lower limb amputations across the state from 2010 to 2016.

Click on each county to view the number and rate of amputations per 100,000 residents and how it compares to the state.

To standardize the data, *inewssource* removed counties with fewer than 20 reported amputation as those numbers are considered unreliable.

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Data methodology: [How we crunched the data](#)

Source: [California Department of Finance](#), [California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development](#)

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## Diabetes-related amputations up significantly in California — and San Diego

by [Cheryl Clark](#) | Sept. 20, 2017

Clinicians are amputating more toes, legs, ankles and feet of patients with diabetes in California — and San Diego County in particular — in a “shocking” trend that has mystified diabetes experts here and across the country.

Statewide, lower-limb amputations increased by more than 31 percent from 2010 to 2016 when adjusted for population change. In San Diego County, the increase was more than twice that: 66.4 percent.

Losing a foot, ankle or especially a leg robs patients of their independence, hampers their ability to walk and makes them more vulnerable to infection. It also can shorten their lives.

Read the full story [here](#).