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To Prescribers

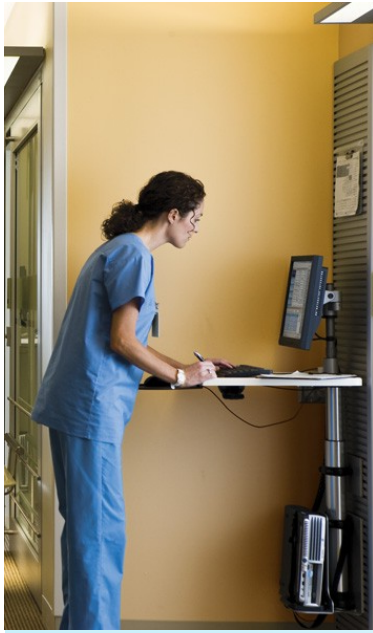
NEW Indiana Health Coverage Programs Preferred Diabetic Supply List

The state of Indiana's Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) has chosen Abbott Diabetes Care and Roche Diagnostics as preferred vendors to supply Indiana's Medicaid and Healthy Indiana Plan members with quality blood glucose monitors and diabetic test strips. The following Preferred Diabetic Supply List (PDSL) will be effective for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2011. Implementation is dependent upon approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). If implementation is delayed due to CMS response, providers will receive notification via bulletin or banner.

Preferred Diabetic Supply List

Blood glucose monitor	Corresponding test strip
Freestyle Lite System Kit	Freestyle Lite Test Strips
Freestyle Freedom Lite System Kit	Freestyle Lite Test Strips
Precision Xtra Meter	Precision Xtra Test Strips
Accu-chek Aviva Care Kit	Accu-chek Aviva

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All Indiana Medicaid and Healthy Indiana Plan members currently utilizing blood glucose monitors will be required to convert to one of the preferred blood glucose monitors and corresponding test strips listed on the previous page. Any blood glucose monitor or diabetic test strips not listed on the PDSL will require prior authorization (PA) that must be requested by the prescribing provider.

Please begin converting your Indiana Medicaid and Healthy Indiana Plan patients to the products on the PDSL to avoid the PA process and to help ensure a smooth transition for affected members.

Representatives from Abbott Diabetes Care and Roche Diagnostics will begin visiting providers and distributing free blood glucose monitors for your Indiana Medicaid and Healthy Indiana Plan patients.

Prior authorization

Because all blood glucose monitors and diabetic test strips not included on the PDSL will require prior authorization (PA), the OMPP advises prescribers to prescribe only the products listed on the PDSL. Prescribers may also write the prescription in a generic version (“Blood glucose monitor and/or diabetic test strips”) to allow for dispensation of the blood glucose monitor or diabetic test strip product, included on the PDSL, by the pharmacy or durable medical equipment (DME) provider. If a member has a unique circumstance that requires the use of a product not listed on the PDSL, the prescriber must obtain prior authorization. Prior authorization will be granted for members based on medical necessity.

All diabetic test strips will continue to be limited to a quantity of 200 strips per month. Quantities exceeding 200 strips per month will continue to require PA. Existing prior authorizations for the 200-per-month limitation will be honored through their authorized dates for the test strips on the PDSL.

Please refer to the contact information below to identify the appropriate vendor for prior authorization information and requests based on member eligibility.

Member education and training

There will be no changes to the current availability of diabetic education for members or reimbursement for education by IHCP providers. Providers should continue to provide training to members in regards to the preferred blood glucose monitors or refer the members to the manufacturer of the product.

Prior authorization will be required for diabetes self-management training services that exceed the established limits for the service.

Diabetes self-management training services have limited coverage. Coverage of diabetes self-management training services is limited to a total of eight hours of diabetes self-management training services per recipient, per rolling calendar year, applicable under any of the following circumstances:

- Receipt of a diagnosis of diabetes

- Receipt of a diagnosis that represents a significant change in the insured’s symptoms or condition
- Re-education or refresher training.

Additional time may be authorized through the standard prior authorization request process. The documentation for additional requested units of service will be carefully reviewed for evidence of medical necessity based on the changes outlined in this bulletin.

Providers are reminded that they are not entitled to IHCP reimbursement for a service they provide to the general public at no charge, including diabetes self-management training services.

Member communications

A [member notice](#) will be mailed November 15, 2010, to Indiana Medicaid and Healthy Indiana Plan members now receiving diabetic services to notify them of the change and provide direction for how to obtain a new preferred monitor at no cost.

Contact information

For medical claims processing questions, please contact HP Customer Assistance at (317) 655-3240 in the Indianapolis local area or toll-free at 1-800-577-1278.

For PA requests, please contact the appropriate PA vendor based on member eligibility.

PA vendors

<i>Care Select members</i>	<i>Fee-for-service (FFS) and risk-based managed care (RBMC) members</i>	
<p>ADVANTAGE Health SolutionsSM Medical PA 1-800-784-3981 Fax: 1-800-689-2759 P.O. Box 80068 Indianapolis, IN 46280</p>	<p>MDwise Medical PA 1-866-440-2449 Fax: 1-877-822-7186 P.O. Box 44214 Indianapolis, IN 46244-0214</p>	<p>ADVANTAGE Health SolutionsSM 1-800-269-5720 Fax: 1-800-689-2759 P.O. Box 40789 Indianapolis, IN 46240</p>

For the Abbott Diabetes Care Product Support Line, call 1-888-522-5226. For the Roche Diagnostics Customer Care Center, call 1-800-858-8072. Product assistance is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week from both manufacturers.

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