

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### Pharmacy Benefit Update – Diabetes Testing Supplies

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) is committed to providing subscribers with safe, quality, pharmacy care.

**Effective January 1, 2018**, the exclusive glucose test strips covered for commercial subscribers will be the Ascensia Diabetes Care portfolio products. Other glucose testing supplies will be excluded from the pharmacy benefit. Subscribers must use the glucose test strips that are covered under the pharmacy benefit plan or pay full price for continued use of their current glucose test strips.

Affected subscribers who recently received glucose test strips that will be excluded from coverage will be notified and directed to contact their providers to discuss the covered glucose test strip choices. At no charge, affected subscribers are being offered a choice of a covered blood glucose monitoring system for a limited time. A summary of the excluded test strips and covered alternative test strips are listed below.

Excluded Glucose Test Strips	Covered Alternative Glucose Test Strips
All other glucose test strip manufacturers (except Ascensia/Bayer)* e.g. ACCU-CHEK, ADVOCATE, ASSURE, CLEVER-CHEK, EASYTALK, EASY TOUCH, EMBRACE, FREESTYLE, GLUCOCARD, INFINITY, ONETOUCH. PRECISION, PRODIGY, RELION, TRUE METRIX, TRUETEST, UNISTRIP, WAVESENSE	Ascensia (formerly known as Bayer) <b>CONTOUR@NEXT</b> <b>CONTOUR@NEXT EZ</b> <b>CONTOUR@NEXT ONE</b>

\*Not a comprehensive list of all available excluded glucose test strips

Please note: The Glucose Test Strips/Disks/Meters Step Therapy Program will be discontinued January 1, 2018 for the Commercial lines of business, but the Glucose Test Strips/Disks/Meters Quantity Limit Program will remain in place.

#### Products impacted

This notice applies to the commercial lines of business.

#### Additional Information:

- Subscribers may contact you regarding this benefit change. Please submit a new prescription for those subscribers who are impacted by this change.
- Pharmacies will be notified of this benefit change. We have asked them to facilitate this benefit change by helping to obtain new prescriptions.

#### Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.

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