




Notice for Members With Diabetes

GET A NEW BLOOD GLUCOSE METER

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National Pharmaceutical Services (NPS) offers a valuable program for members with diabetes. If you have diabetes and use a blood glucose meter with testing strips to measure and monitor your blood sugar levels, you have the opportunity to receive a new Abbott blood glucose meter at the plan copay or no cost. The Abbott Diabetes Care meters and test strips (FreeStyle Lite®, FreeStyle Freedom Lite®, FreeStyle InsuLinx®, and the Precision Xtra®) are the only formulary choices for blood glucose meters. Other brands of meters and test strips are non-formulary and will be subject to prior authorization.

Below is a comparison chart of important features of the blood glucose meters and corresponding test strips. You can take advantage of this preferred meter today with one of the options listed below — and reduce your out-of-pocket costs.

Blood Glucose Meter Choices			
			
System Brand	FREESTYLE LITE™	FREESTYLE FREEDOM LITE®	PRECISION XTRA®
Sample Size	0.3µL	0.3µL	0.6µL
Test Time	~5 sec	~5 sec	5 sec
Accuracy: Minimizes Effects of Common Interfering Substances ¹	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ability to Reapply Second Blood Drop	Yes, 60 sec	Yes, 60 sec	Yes, 5 sec
Backlight	Yes	No	Yes
Test Strip Port Light	Yes	No	No
Approved Test Sites	Fingertips, hands, forearm, upper arm, thigh, calf	Fingertips, hands, forearm, upper arm, thigh, calf	Fingertips, palm, forearm, upper arm
Sample Fill Technique	Side	Side	End or Top
Calibration Type	No Coding	No Coding	SmartChip Strip
Ketone Testing	No	No	Yes
Hematocrit Range	15-65%	15-65%	30-60%
Height of Read-out (mm)	10	20	19

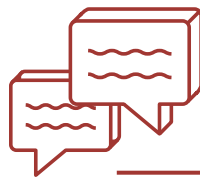
**If you choose to use a test strip that is not FreeStyle®, FreeStyle Lite®, or Precision Xtra® your doctor can submit a request for prior authorization. If approved according to our criteria, your prescription will be covered at the non-formulary/non-preferred cost-sharing level. If denied, the test strips will not be covered and you would need to pay the full cost in order to continue using them.*

The FreeStyle glucose meter is specially designed for painless, alternate-site testing. The meter eliminates virtually all the pain and thereby encourages good diabetes testing habits. The FreeStyle meter utilizes samples from multiple test sites — not just fingertips, but also less sensitive sites like thighs, calves, forearms, and upper arms.

To get your new blood glucose meter, do one of the following:

- Visit www.myfreestyle.com/insurance-coverage to select a new meter, which will be shipped to you directly from Abbott. When asked for which Health Insurance Company please select “NPS (National Pharmaceutical Services).”
- Visit your local pharmacy. Your pharmacy can process a meter for you. You may be responsible for a copayment, depending upon your plan’s benefits.

You will need to obtain a new prescription from your healthcare provider for the test strips for the FreeStyle Lite®, FreeStyle Freedom Lite®, or the Precision Xtra® meters. Your old test strips will not work in the new the meter, nor will these prescription claims for your old test strips process under the NPS pharmacy benefit.* Blood glucose test strips are over-the-counter items and prescriptions are only required for claims processing to access your benefits. In many cases, you may ask your pharmacist to call your healthcare provider for you to get a prescription for the new test strips.



If you have any questions about your pharmacy benefits, we’re here 24/7/365.

Call 1 (800) 546-5677 • TTY: 1 (866) 706-4757.

Your health plan administrator partners with National Pharmaceutical Services (NPS) to manage your pharmacy benefits. Together, we ensure you have access to safe, effective, affordable medications.