

BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS

Diagnoses Considered for Coverage:

- Type 1 Diabetes (DM-1)
- Type 2 Diabetes (DM-2)
- Gestational Diabetes associated with pregnancy

Coverage Criteria:

ACCU-CHEK brand test strips up to #200 test strips/month:

- No approval needed.

For non-preferred test strips request up to #200 test strips/month:

- One of the following:
 - a. Patient is currently using an insulin pump, or
 - b. Patient unable to use a preferred test strip brand: Accu-Chek

For request exceeding #200 test strips/month, approve if:

- One of the following:
 - Newly diagnosed diabetes, or
 - Newly beginning Insulin therapy, or
 - Being stabilized on an insulin pump, or
 - Requires frequent testing due to gestational diabetes, or
 - Requires frequent testing due to an acute illness, brittle diabetes, or pregnancy, or
 - Requires testing more often than 7 times a day to achieve intensive control.

AND

- *For non-preferred test strips only.*
 - a. Patient is currently using an insulin pump, or
 - b. Patient unable to use a preferred test strip brand: Accu-Chek

Coverage Duration:

- For newly diagnosed diabetes: 6 months
- For gestational diabetes: duration of pregnancy
- For all others: one year

Effective Date: 11/29/2023