Roche Diagnostics is the preferred manufacturer for blood glucose monitors and test strips for Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) members.

Accu-Chek® test strips (made by Roche Diagnostics) will not require prior authorization when obtained from a network pharmacy. Test strips that are not Accu-Chek will require you or your doctor to submit a request via the pharmacy prior authorization process.

If you are currently not using Accu-Chek test strips:
1. **Talk with your doctor** to find out if the Accu-Chek test strips will work for you. You can also visit [www.accu-chek.com](http://www.accu-chek.com) to learn more, or contact Accu-Chek Customer Care at (800) 858-8072.
2. **Obtain a prescription** from your doctor for Accu-Chek test strips. Please remember, you will also need a new prescription for an Accu-Chek blood glucose monitor to use with your Accu-Chek test strips.
3. **Fill your prescription before you run out of your current supplies.** This will give you time to learn how to use your new Accu-Chek blood glucose monitor while you still have your current supplies on hand. Also, your new Accu-Chek blood glucose monitor will require compatible Accu-Chek test strips. Your old strips will not work with your new blood glucose monitor. If you have questions on how to use your new Accu-Chek blood glucose monitor and test strips, contact Accu-Chek Customer Care at (800) 858-8072.
4. **In some special cases**, if your doctor thinks you need to continue using your current blood glucose monitor and test strips for health reasons, you or your doctor can submit a request via the pharmacy prior authorization process.

If you have any additional questions, you can find a list of phone numbers for your particular plan at the [Contact Us](#) page. We are ready to assist you.

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beneficiaries who are eligible group retirees and who reside within a plan’s specific service area. Blue Shield 65 Plus individual and employer group retiree plans have different service areas, benefits and provider networks.

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