Roche Diagnostics is the preferred manufacturer for blood glucose monitors and test strips for Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO), Blue Shield 65 Plus Choice Plan (HMO), and Blue Shield Trio Medicare (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 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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