

Important Information Regarding

Medicare Part B Test Strips Preferred Products

Roche Diagnostics is the preferred manufacturer for blood glucose monitors and test strips for Blue Shield 65 PlusSM (HMO), Blue Shield 65 PlusSM Plan 2 (HMO), Blue Shield 65 PlusSM Choice Plan (HMO), Blue Shield Vital (HMO), Blue Shield Inspire (HMO), Blue Shield Medicare (PPO), and Blue Shield Inspire (PPO) members.

Accu-Chek[®] test strips (made by Roche Diagnostics) will not require prior authorization when obtained from a network pharmacy. You or your doctor must submit a request via the Blue Shield pharmacy prior authorization process for test strips that are **not** Accu-Chek.

If you are not currently using Accu-Chek test strips but would like to switch:

1. **Talk with your doctor** to find out if Accu-Chek test strips will work for you. You can also visit meters.accu-chek.com to learn more or contact Accu-Chek Customer Care at **(800) 241-6642**.
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. The Accu-Chek blood glucose monitor is available to you at no cost when you go to a network pharmacy. Bring this flier to the pharmacy and provide them with the following information:
 - BIN #610524 • Issuer 80840 • ID 369168840 • RxPCN: 1016 • Group 40026479
3. **Fill your prescription before you run out of your current test strip 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) 241-6642**.
4. **In some cases**, your doctor might think you need to continue using your current blood glucose monitor and test strips. If so, you or your doctor can submit a request via the Blue Shield pharmacy prior authorization process.

If you have any additional questions, you can call Blue Shield Customer Care at (800) 776-4466 (TTY: 711), 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, from October 1 through March 31, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekdays (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday) from April 1 through September 30. We are ready to help you.

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