



STATE OF TENNESSEE
BUREAU OF TENNCARE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
310 GREAT CIRCLE ROAD
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Memo

To: Pharmacist-in-Charge
From: Bureau of TennCare Pharmacy Program
Date: December 2, 2008
Re: Preferred Diabetic Testing Products

The State of Tennessee TennCare Program continually reviews and updates the TennCare Preferred Drug List (PDL) as new therapies arise and market conditions change. Effective October 1, 2008 Bayer and Roche brand diabetic testing strips and meters are preferred products on the TennCare Preferred Drug list (PDL). Notice this change only applies to diabetic testing strips and meters. Other diabetic supplies (lancets, lancing devices, and alcohol swabs) still have an open PDL.

Patients currently using non-preferred of strips and meters will be allowed to continue until December 31, 2008. Beginning **January 1, 2009**, all claims for non-preferred diabetic testing strips and meters (i.e... not Bayer or Roche brands) will begin to deny at point-of-sale unless there is an existing PA in place. Please note this includes both new prescriptions and refills. All patients will need to be transitioned to preferred diabetic testing products, or obtain a PA, prior to January 1, 2008.

If requested, TennCare patients may receive one new meter per year. Additional information regarding approval for non-preferred strips and meters may be found at the SXC/TennCare website: <https://tnm.rxportal.sxc.com/rxclaim/portal/preLogin>. If a patient has unique circumstances which requires the use of a non-preferred testing product, prior authorization must be obtained. For additional information please contact SXC Clinical Call Center 866-434-5524.

Examples of currently preferred diabetic testing strips and meters

***** The list below only refers to those packages designated for retail dispensing*****

Bayer	Roche
Ascensia BREEZE 2 meters and strips	Accu-chek COMPACT PLUS meters and strips
Ascensia CONTOUR meters and strips	Accu-chek AVIVA meters and strips
Ascensia AUTODISC strips <u>only</u>	Accu-chek ACTIVE meters and strips
Ascensia ELITE strips <u>only</u>	Accu-chek ADVANTAGE meters and strips
	Accu-chek COMPACT strips <u>only</u>
	Accu-chek COMFORT CURVE strips <u>only</u>

NOTE: Ascensia AUTODISC/ELITE and Accu-chek COMPACT/COMFORT CURVE meters are non-preferred, however TennCare does allow for the strips and meters to process without requiring prior authorization.

We hope that you will find this information helpful and that it will help to minimize delays experienced by your TennCare patients in receiving their diabetic supplies. We welcome your comments on the enclosed Response Form. Thank you for your participation in the TennCare program and your commitment to patient care. If you wish to receive additional information, please contact SXC Clinical Call Center 866-434-5524.

Please forward or copy the information in this notice to all providers who may be affected by these changes.

Thank you for your participation in the TennCare program.