



**Commercial PA Criteria**  
**Effective: December 2010**

**Prior Authorization:** Diabetic Test Strips

**Products Affected:** *\*This list is not all-inclusive*

- Ascensia Test Strips
- Bayer Contour Test Strips
- One Touch Test Strips
- Surestep Test Strips
- True Metrix Test Strips
- Accu-chek Test Strips
- Blu link glucose test strip

**Covered Uses:** Self-monitoring of blood glucose (SMBG)

**Exclusion Criteria:** N/A

**Required Medical Information:**

1. Diagnosis
2. Previous therapies tried and failed
3. Current therapy regimen
4. Medical history

**Age Restrictions:** N/A

**Prescriber Restrictions:** N/A

**Coverage Duration:** 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Approve if the patient meets the following criteria.

**Ascensia Test Strips, One Touch Test Strips [and all other Tier 3 test strips]** are covered only if the following prior authorization criteria are met:

1. Treatment failure of an adequate trial of ConnectiCare's preferred test strips\_Freestyle testing system  
**AND**
2. A physician chart note documenting treatment failure of Freestyle testing system **AND**
3. Meter readouts to reflect that the preferred meter does not provide correct fingerstick blood glucose values  
**OR**
4. Member is currently using an insulin pump that is incompatible with the preferred products

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Members switching to a preferred product or are new to testing will be allowed to obtain a preferred diabetic testing meter at a participating pharmacy at no cost through the pharmacy benefit. (One per year)

Approval is limited to supply of **#200 strips per month**.

**References:**

1. Drug Facts and Comparisons (online version), Glucose Blood Tests. Available at: <http://online.factsandcomparisons.com>.

**Policy Revision history**

Rev #	Type of Change	Summary of Change	Sections Affected	Date
1	Template Change	Transfer Policy from old CCI Template to current template  (Previous Revision Record 12/10, 12/15, 5/17, 1/18, 11/20)	All	3/20/2024
2	Update	Addition of Blu link glucose test strips	Products Affected	3/21/2024

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