

Medical Coverage Policy | Blood Glucose Monitors



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OVERVIEW

The intent of this policy is to document the criteria used to determine medical necessity when home blood glucose meter that is not from the brand OneTouch is requested.

This policy is applicable to BlueCHiP for Medicare only.

MEDICAL CRITERIA

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Use of a home blood glucose meter, not from the brand OneTouch may be considered medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

- Patient diagnosed as visually impaired and not corrected with corrective lenses, or is legally blind, OR
- Patient presents with manual dexterity issues, OR
- Patient uses one of the following Insulin Pumps and requires a compatible glucometer.

Insulin Pump (Company)	Glucometer	Test Strips
OneTouch Ping (Animas Corp)	OneTouch Ping Full function meter-remote	OneTouch Ultra test strips
OmniPod (Insulet Corp.)	FreeStyle glucose monitor built in Personal Diabetes Manager	FreeStyle test strips
MiniMed 530G With Enlite (Medtronic Diabetes)	Contour Next Link meter	CONTOURNEXT test strips
MiniMed Paradigm Real-Time Revel (Medtronic Diabetes)	Contour Next Link meter	CONTOURNEXT test strips
Accu-Chek Combo (Roche Insulin Delivery Systems)	Accu-Chek Aviva combo meter remote	Accu-Chek Aviva Plus test strips

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Commercial Products

Not applicable

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Prior Authorization is required for BlueCHiP for Medicare only.

POLICY STATEMENT

Commercial Products

Home blood glucose meters are covered.

BlueCHiP for Medicare

Blood Glucose Meters and test strips may be considered medically necessary when the item/device is not found on the list below and the medical criteria above are met.

Blood Glucose Meters and test strips are covered and are limited to OneTouch branded products. The list below identifies the covered OneTouch products:

OneTouch Monitor

OneTouch Verio Flex Meter
OneTouch Verio Meter
OneTouch Verio IQ Meter
OneTouch Ultra 2 Meter
OneTouch Ultra Mini Meter

OneTouch Test Strips

OneTouch Ultra Test Strips - 25, 50 or 100 strip box
OneTouch Verio Test Strips - 25, 50 or 100 strip box

COVERAGE

Benefits may vary between groups and contracts. Please refer to the appropriate Benefit Booklet, Evidence of Coverage or Subscriber Agreement for applicable durable medical equipment benefits/coverage.

BACKGROUND

A blood glucose monitor (glucometer) is a portable, battery-operated device used to determine the blood glucose level by exposing a reagent strip to a small blood sample. The patient uses a disposable lancet, draws a drop of blood, places it on a reagent strip, and inserts it into the monitor, which provides the patient with a direct readout of the blood glucose level.

CODING

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The following HCPCS codes require prior authorization when a product other the list of approved devices (found in the Policy Statement) is requested.

E0607
E2100
E2101

RELATED POLICIES

Continuous Glucose Monitoring

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REFERENCES

Not applicable

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