

Patty's Points

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Dear Patty:

Q: Earlier this year, I tried to obtain my diabetic testing supplies through the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) vendor and I was told it is not covered.

A: Effective January 1, 2017, diabetic testing supplies are covered under your pharmacy benefits.

Q: What is the coverage for Diabetic Testing Supplies?

A. The following supplies are covered at \$0 member copay: blood glucose test strips, lancets, preferred blood glucose meter, acetone tablets. The preferred brand for the blood glucose monitor is Bayer.

Note: If you currently use another brand meter and it was covered through EnvisionRx, the prior pharmacy vendor, then you may continue to use that meter. The testing supplies will be covered at \$0 copay for that meter as well.

Q: What happens if my current meter breaks or needs to be replaced?

A: If you need to replace your current meter, you will need to switch to the preferred brand meter. All you need is a prescription from your doctor and you can get a new Bayer meter at a participating pharmacy.

Q: Which Diabetic medications are covered at \$0 member copay?

A: Only Generic Medications to treat Diabetes are covered at \$0 copay. You may find a list in the Medication Guide.

Q: Is there a copay for Insulin?

A: Yes, there is a cost for Insulin and your copay is determined by which tier that insulin falls under. Novolin and Novolog are the preferred brand insulin. They are under Tier 2 which is a \$35 retail copay. **IMPORTANT: Humalog and Humulin are not covered under your new prescription plan.**

In addition, certain brands of Insulin may require Prior Authorization. Please check the Medication Guide for details.

Q: How are Insulin Pumps covered?

A: Insulin Pumps and their supplies are covered under the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) of your medical plan. You or your doctor may submit a request through the DME coordinator, CareCentrix at 1-877-561-9910.

Q: Is there a copay for the insulin pump?

A: Under the BlueCare HMO Basic and Premium Plans, there is no copay as long as it is authorized by CareCentrix. Under the BlueOptions PPO plan, there is a \$250 Deductible and then 20% Coinsurance.

Q: What other Diabetic Equipment falls under the DME benefit?

A: Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) Devices.