Anthem BlueCross

2014 Diabetic Supply Coverage Changes

IMPORTANT: 2014 Coverage Changes for Diabetic Supplies For Our Individual Medicare Advantage Members.

Beginning January 1, 2014, our Individual Medicare Advantage plans will only cover LifeScan, Inc., OneTouch® or Roche Diagnostics, ACCU-CHEK® diabetic glucometers and blood test strips at a $0 copay when the members purchases their supplies from an in-network supplier. This benefit change is meant to help control out-of-pocket expenses while not compromising on quality.

Covered glucometers and blood test strips in 2014:

- LifeScan, Inc., OneTouch®
- Roche Diagnostics, ACCU-CHEK®
- A limit of 100 blood test strips per month

Next steps

- If our member is currently using OneTouch or ACCU-CHEK blood test strips or glucometer products, you don’t need to do anything!
- If our member is not using OneTouch or ACCU-CHEK blood test strips or glucometer products, then our member will need to get new prescriptions for the supplies by January 1st for these claims to be covered by us.
- You should discuss these coverage changes and possible new prescriptions with our member/your patient. If it is medically necessary for them to continue using a different brand of blood test strips or glucometer and/or more than 100 blood test strips per month, you will need to communicate this to us by requesting an exception. If your patient purchases their supplies through the pharmacy or the ESI mail-order service exceptions may be requested after December 1, 2013 by calling 1-800-338-6180. If your patient purchases their supplies through a Durable Medical Equipment supplier you will need to call the health plan.

Please contact Provider Service if you have any questions about these coverage changes or your patient’s benefits.

Thank you.

Plans that are included in this coverage change include:

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Anthem Blue Cross is an HMO plan and Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health Insurance Company is a PPO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Anthem Blue Cross and Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health Insurance Company depends on contract renewal.

If a member or a provider is in doubt as to whether or not a member is in an Individual Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) plan or an Employer or Union Sponsored plan, please have them check the front of the ID card which will show the contract and PBP number (example: H1234-001). If the PBP (the last three digits of the contract-PBP number) is in the 800 series, that member is in an Employer or Union Sponsored plan and these changes do not apply to their plans.

The benefit information provided is a brief summary, not a complete description of benefits. For more information contact the plan. Limitations, copayments, and restrictions may apply. Benefits, formulary, pharmacy network, provider network, premium and/or co-payments/co-insurance may change on January 1 of each year.

For more information about the exception process or the appeals policy, please see the plan’s 2014 Evidence of Coverage.