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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1129

DATE: May 15, 2012

TO: Iowa Medicaid Physician, Pharmacy and Medical Supply Providers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Preferred Diabetic Blood Glucose Monitors and Test Strips

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2012

Beginning July 1, 2012, Abbott Diabetes Care will be the single preferred manufacturer for diabetic blood glucose monitors and test strips for Iowa Medicaid. Members who have been using the LifeScan preferred products will need to change to the Abbott preferred products listed below unless prior authorization is obtained. Abbott Diabetes Care representatives may be contacting you soon regarding this change. On or about June 1, 2012, a letter will also be sent to the Medicaid members who have been using the LifeScan products notifying them of the change.

Preferred Blood Glucose Monitors:

- FreeStyle Lite
- FreeStyle Freedom Lite
- Precision Xtra
- FreeStyle InsuLinx

Members who have been using LifeScan products are eligible to receive a new Abbott blood glucose monitor listed above at no charge to them. Neither Iowa Medicaid nor any third party insurer should be billed. No charge meter coupons will be distributed to providers by Abbott Diabetes Care representatives, or may be requested by calling: 1-866-224-8892. For product training, please call Abbott Diabetes Care Customer Service 24/7 at 1-888-522-5226.

Preferred Blood Glucose Test Strips: The test strips corresponding to the preferred blood glucose monitors will be the single preferred test strips beginning July 1, 2012.

All other brands of blood glucose monitors and test strips will require prior authorization through the IME Medical Prior Authorization Unit at 888-424-2070 or 515-256-4624 locally in Des Moines. Approvals for non-preferred products will be based on medical necessity dependent on clinically significant features not available on any of the preferred products.

Pharmacy Billing Information: The following NDC numbers will be covered by Iowa Medicaid without a prior authorization:

<u>Description</u>	<u>NDC</u>
FreeStyle Test Strips - 50 count	99073-0120-50
FreeStyle Test Strips - 100 count	99073-0121-01
FreeStyle Lite Test Strips - 50 count	99073-0708-22
FreeStyle Lite Test Strips - 100 count	99073-0708-27
Precision Xtra Test Strips - 50 count	57599-9728-04
Precision Xtra Test Strips - 100 count	57599-9877-05
FreeStyle InsuLinx Test Strips - 50 count	99073-0712-31
FreeStyle InsuLinx Test Strips - 100 count	99073-0712-27

Medical Supply Provider Billing Information: Medical supply providers should bill using procedure code A4253 and the following preferred test strip NDC numbers:

<u>Description</u>	<u>NDC</u>
FreeStyle InsuLinx Test Strips - 50 count	99073-0712-30
FreeStyle Lite Test Strips - 50 count	99073-0708-19
FreeStyle Test Strips - 50 count	99073-0124-50
FreeStyle Test Strips - 100 count	99073-0124-01
Precision Xtra Test Strips - 50 count	57599-9838-04
Precision Xtra Test Strips - 100 count	57599-9878-05

The IME appreciates your partnership as we work to improve claim processing. If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-256-4609 or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.