

Update – PINs for blood glucose test strip claims for Alberta Blue Cross employer-sponsored group and personal health plans

Effective August 1, 2021, blood glucose test strip, brand specific Product Identification Numbers (PINs), as noted in the table below, were introduced for the adjudication of claims for Alberta government-sponsored programs (see Benefacts 970 and 974) with the exception of the Alberta Health Insulin Pump Therapy Program (IPTP).

Effective December 14, 2021, all Alberta Blue Cross employer-sponsored group, personal health plan drug programs and the IPTP will also utilize the brand specific PINs for blood glucose test strips. Pharmacies will need to use the appropriate PIN assigned to the specific brand of blood glucose test strip dispensed.

PIN	Product description	Unit of issue	Base price
00000444986	ACCU-CHEK AVIVA BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP	0.7125
00000444985	ACCU-CHEK COMPACT BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP	0.7125
00000444984	ACCU-CHEK GUIDE BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP	0.6813
00000444983	ACCU-CHEK MOBILE BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP	0.7125
00000444992	CARESENS N MULTI BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP	0.5000
00000444989	CONTOUR BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP	0.6986
00000444990	CONTOUR NEXT BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP	0.6989
00000444996	FIRST CANADIAN HEALTH SPIRIT BG TEST STRIPS	STRIP	0.5000
00000444987	FREESTYLE LITE BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP	0.6900
00000444988	FREESTYLE PRECISION BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP	0.6890
00000444982	GE200 BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP	0.5100
00000444995	MEDISURE BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP	0.6800
00000444994	ONE TOUCH ULTRA BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP	0.6943
00000444993	ONE TOUCH VERIO BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP	0.6943
00000444998	RAPID RESPONSE GLUCO-MD BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP	0.7000

Payment eligibility

Effective December 14, 2021, the payment eligibility for all Alberta Blue Cross employer-sponsored group, personal health plan drug programs and IPTP will be the cost of the product (*Manufacturer List Price (MLP) or Base Price*) and Allowable Upcharge #1 plus a 10 per cent markup (Allowable Upcharge #2) and no additional charges.

Allowable Upcharge #2 is a 10 per cent markup of the aggregate of the MLP or Base Price and Allowable Upcharge #1 for claims for any blood glucose test strips.

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Any claims made which exceed these parameters will be rejected. Should a dispensing fee be claimed, it will be rejected with the response code of **OL – Max allowable dispensing fee exceeded**. If the Cost Upcharge exceeds the allowable 10 per cent markup, the claim will be rejected with the response code of **SE - Max allowable upcharge exceeded**.

Pharmacies must ensure the product claimed accurately reflects the product dispensed. It is important that accurate claims information is submitted to Alberta Blue Cross.

Miscellaneous blood glucose test strip PIN 00999955

As of December 14, 2021, claims will no longer be paid under PIN 00999955 for Alberta Blue Cross employer-sponsored group, personal health plan drug programs and Alberta government-sponsored programs.

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations contact centre representative at

780-498-8370 (Edmonton and area)

403-294-4041 (Calgary and area)

1-800-361-9632 (toll free)

FAX 780-498-8406 (Edmonton and area)

FAX 1-877-305-9911 (toll free)

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