

Blood glucose test strip claims for Alberta Blue Cross employer-sponsored group and personal health plans and Alberta government-sponsored programs

Effective August 1, 2021, blood glucose test strips, brand specific Product Identification Numbers (PINs), as noted in the table below, were introduced for the adjudication of claims for Alberta government-sponsored programs.

Effective December 14, 2021, all Alberta Blue Cross employer-sponsored group and personal health plan drug programs 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
00000444986	ACCU-CHEK AVIVA BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP
00000444985	ACCU-CHEK COMPACT BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP
00000444984	ACCU-CHEK GUIDE BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP
00000444983	ACCU-CHEK MOBILE BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP
00000444992	CARESENS N MULTI BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP
00000444989	CONTOUR BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP
00000444990	CONTOUR NEXT BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP
00000444996	FIRST CANADIAN HEALTH SPIRIT BG TEST STRIPS	STRIP
00000444987	FREESTYLE LITE BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP
00000444988	FREESTYLE PRECISION BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP
00000444982	GE200 BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP
00000444995	MEDISURE BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP
00000444994	ONE TOUCH ULTRA BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP
00000444993	ONE TOUCH VERIO BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP
00000444998	RAPID RESPONSE GLUCO-MD BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS	STRIP

Payment eligibility

Effective December 14, 2021, the payment eligibility for all Alberta Blue Cross employer-sponsored group, personal health plan drug programs and Alberta government programs will be the cost of the product (drug cost) and upcharge. A dispensing fee is not an allowable cost for blood glucose test strips. Alberta Blue Cross administers many national employer-sponsored group plans, which allow out-of-province pharmacies across Canada to direct bill based upon the pricing structure in the jurisdiction that the claim is being made. Direct bill claims from pharmacy providers outside of Alberta, exceeding the allowable prices, upcharges or fees **will not be rejected** but **may be reduced to the plan maximums**. The plan members will be responsible for any additional charges.

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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 and 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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