



## Network Notification

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**Date:** March 23, 2012

**Number:** OH-P-2012-03a

**To:** Ohio Providers

**From:** CareSource

**Subject:** New Abbott Diabetes Care Program

**Effective Date:** April 1, 2012

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CareSource is pleased to announce that we are partnering with Abbott Laboratories for our diabetic members' meters and strips.

### **Transition Period for Abbott Products – By April 1**

CareSource members who are not currently using Abbott Diabetes Care Products need to be transitioned to the Abbott FreeStyle Lite® or Precision Xtra® Blood Glucose Test Strips and Meters before April 1 to avoid disruption in care.

After April 1, Abbott products will be required unless prior authorization for other products has been approved by CareSource.

### **Abbott Diabetes Care Products Covered without Prior Authorization:**

<b>Abbott Products (Retail Packaging)</b>	<b>NDC Number</b>
FreeStyle Lite Meter	99073-0708-05
FreeStyle Freedom Lite Meter	99073-0709-14
Precision Xtra Meter	57599-8814-01
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
Precision Xtra Beta Ketone Test Strips – 10 count	57599-0745-01

### **Benefits to Providers**

- Prior authorization is not required for Abbott meters/strips
- Members receive a free meter once a year and up to 100 strips a month

### **Ways Members Can Receive the Abbott Products**

- Members can take their prescription from the doctor to the pharmacy to get their new meter and strips.
- Members can also call Abbott Diabetes Care at 1-866-224-8892. They will send a new meter at no cost to the member.
- If your members use Great Lakes Medical Supply for their diabetes products, they still can. Great Lakes will simply ship the FreeStyle and Precision products directly to the member's home.

### **Exceptions to Abbott Products**

Prior authorization for non-preferred products will be considered on a case-by-case basis and reviewed by a CareSource Clinical Pharmacist.

### **Communication from CareSource**

- Members: CareSource identified members from October 2011 to December 2011 utilizing non-formulary products, and members identified received a transition of service letter notifying them of the change in meters/strips.
- Providers: CareSource communicated this change to its Provider network on the Provider Portal and website in February.
- Pharmacists: Pharmacists should have seen the authorization notice during this time period, and proactively reached out to providers and members to help them transition to Abbott Diabetes Care products.

### **Action Requested**

Please prescribe the Abbott FreeStyle Lite and Precision Xtra products to CareSource members. These supplies are free and do not require prior authorization. Abbott supplies are preferred for CareSource members; meters and strips from other suppliers will require prior authorization.

### **Questions?**

Please call Provider Services at 1-800-488-0134 and follow the prompts for Pharmacy.

Visit the previous [network notification](#) on the Abbott Diabetes Care program.