

To:	Passport Health Plan pharmacies	From:	PerformRx
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Re:	<b>Diabetic Supplies Now Processed Only Through Pharmacy</b>		

Recently, the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services limited processing of certain diabetic supplies through only the pharmacy point-of-sale (POS) system.

Effective March 1, 2011, Passport Health Plan (PHP) will mirror this state requirement and the below listed diabetic supplies will no longer be available through Durable Medical Equipment (DME) providers. These supplies will only be covered through the pharmacy with a valid prescription.

**Pharmacies may see an increase in the number of PHP members presenting for the following diabetic supplies:**

- Blood glucose meters
- Blood glucose test strips
- Calibration Solutions
- Insulin syringes
- Blood ketone test or reagent strips
- Urine test or reagent strips
- Lancets
- Lancing devices
- Pen needles

PHP preferred diabetic supplies and quantity limits are listed below.

<b>Diabetic Supply:</b>	<b>Maximum Quantity Limit (QL):</b>
• Blood Glucose Meter*	• 1 meter per year
• Blood Glucose Test Strips*	• Insulin Users – QL 100/25 • Non-Insulin Users – QL 50/25 or 100/50 • Members less than 18 years old QL 200/30 • Gestational diabetes – up to 300/30
• Lancing Devices	• 1 per every 6 months
• Lancets	• 200 per month
• Syringe w/needle	• 125 per month
• Pen Needles	• 100 per month
• Urine Glucose Test, Strip	• 200 per month
• Urine Acetone Test, Tablet/Strip	• 200 per month
• Urine Glucose-Acetone Combination Test Strip	• 200 per month

\*Bayer Breeze<sup>®</sup>2, Contour<sup>®</sup>, Acensia<sup>®</sup> preferred.

Note: This listing is also available on the PHP web site at [www.passporthealthplan.com/pharmacy](http://www.passporthealthplan.com/pharmacy).



This requirement does not apply to PHP members who have Medicare or other coverage as primary, including all Passport Advantage members. DME providers may still provide diabetic supplies to those members.

### **Reimbursement**

These diabetic supplies will continue to be reimbursed at pharmacies' current contracted rate.

### **Questions:**

If you have questions about this communication, please contact the PerformRx Help Desk at (800) 578-0898.

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