

## **BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD FORMULARY CHANGES GLUCOSE METER ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Glucose Meter Announcement (Available in Blue Access<sup>®</sup> for Members)**

Beginning April 1, 2011, step therapy will be implemented for glucose test strips under the BCBSOK fully-insured drug card plans and ASO plans who follow the fully-insured standard utilization management. The use of a preferred glucose test strip will be required before the member can receive coverage for a non-preferred brand.

In addition, a formulary change will go into affect for all plans that will remove Abbott glucose test strips as a preferred product. Roche brand ACCU-CHEK<sup>®</sup> Compact Plus and ACCU-CHEK<sup>®</sup> Aviva and Bayer brand CONTOUR<sup>®</sup> and BREEZE<sup>®</sup> 2 glucose monitoring systems are the preferred brands.

To help members with this change, BCBSOK will be offering members (fully-insured and ASO) who are currently utilizing non-preferred brand test strips a choice of a preferred glucose monitoring system at no additional charge. Members may learn more about their meter options at [Roche](http://Roche.com) ([accu-chek.com](http://accu-chek.com)) and [Bayer](http://Bayer.com) ([simplewins.com](http://simplewins.com)) websites and by talking with their health care providers.

Members may obtain one glucose meter at no additional charge by calling the toll-free number listed in the announcement letter we will mail to them. We will send these announcement letters throughout the year, based on their group's renewal dates. This glucose meter offer will be available through Dec. 31, 2011.

- [Glucose Meter Flier](#)
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- [Fully-insured member letter](#)