

**Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus
Hot Tip: Diabetic Supplies**

Your Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus (Empire) patients on nonpreferred products may experience a pharmacy claim rejection. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible. Prior authorization and step therapy may apply to select preferred products. Coverage should be verified by reviewing the *Preferred Drug List (PDL)* on the Empire provider website. The *PDL* is subject to change quarterly.

The therapeutic class	Nonpreferred products	Preferred products
Diabetic syringes & pen needles	All other manufacturers for pen needles & insulin syringes are nonpreferred products and may require prior authorization.	BD pen needles & insulin syringes are the preferred product for diabetic supplies.
Glucometer & test strips	All other manufacturers will require prior authorization.	True Metrix Air meter and test strip ¹ 50 ct, 100 ct
Continuous glucose monitoring devices ²	Eversense product line Medtronic product lines for the following products: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enlite sensors • Guardian (monitors, receivers, sensors, transmitters) • Minimed Guardian sensor • Sof-sensor 	Dexcom product line Freestyle Libre product line
1. Quantity limits apply. 150 test strips per 30 days for the following: individuals 18 years of age or older using insulin. 200 test strips per 30 days for the following: pregnant individuals or individuals who are 17 years of age or younger. 50 test strips per 30 days for the following: all other individuals. 2. All Continuous Glucose Monitoring products require a prior authorization.		

If you have questions regarding this *Hot Tip*, call Provider Services at **800-450-8753**.

PDL: <https://mediprovider.empireblue.com/new-york-empire-provider/resources/pharmacy-information>