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Formulary Reminder – Diabetic Supplies

Dear IEHP Providers,

This letter has been sent as a reminder that effective **August 18th 2009** the following change was made to the formulary approved by IEHP's Pharmacy and Therapeutics Subcommittee.

The recently changed preferred product for Diabetic Testing Supplies is now **HDI Meters (TRUEresult[®], TRUE2go[®], & TRUEtrack[®]) and corresponding test strips**. Providers must use our preferred products for all approved requests. Non-formulary products such as Accu-Chek[®] meters and test strips will no longer be covered products.

Formulary Products	Quantity Limit: Test Strips
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRUEresult[®] • TRUE2go[®] • TRUEtrack[®] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Insulin-dependent patient</u>: 150 strips/30 days or 400 strips/90 days • <u>Non-insulin-dependent patient</u>: 50 strips/90 days

Please Note: According to California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1700 et seq. Article 4, Section 4073. Substitution of Generic Drug – Requirements and Exceptions (a):

A pharmacist filling a prescription order for a drug product prescribed by its trade or brand name may select another drug product with the same active chemical ingredients of the same strength, quantity, and dosage form, and of the same generic drug name as determined by the United States Adopted Names (USAN) and accepted by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), of those drug products having the same active chemical ingredients.

Since all Meters and Test Strips are considered Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and have similar capabilities in measuring blood glucose, pharmacists should not submit Pharmacy Exception Requests (PERS) for non-formulary products. They will be returned as submission error. Please dispense formulary preferred product HDI Meters and Test Strips. **NOTICE: Beginning January 1st 2010, PERs for non-formulary Test Strips will be returned as submission error. Please dispense formulary preferred products HDI Meters and Test Strips.**

If you have any questions regarding the change, please feel free to contact us at 909-890-2067.

Sincerely,

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