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Department of Health Care Finance



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**TO: District of Columbia Medicaid Prescriber**

**FROM: Linda Elam, PhD, MPH**  
**Deputy Director – Medicaid**

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**DATE: May 26, 2011**

**SUBJECT: DC Medicaid Diabetic Supplies Program at point of sale**

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The District of Columbia Department of Health Care Finance has contracted with Magellan Health Services to manage a DC Medicaid diabetic supplies program. For this initiative, Magellan Medicaid Administration has retained two companies – Abbott Diabetes Care, Inc. and Roche Diagnostics Corporation – to be preferred providers of blood glucose monitors and strips effective **July 1, 2011**. This program applies to DC Medicaid Fee for service beneficiaries without other insurance or Medicare coverage.

Beneficiaries who are not already using preferred Abbott and Roche products may switch to one of the preferred monitors and accompanying strips beginning July 1, 2011. Prescriptions for the preferred monitors and strips will be processed through the pharmacy's Point of Service electronic claims system. DC Medicaid will no longer cover test strips for non-preferred monitors **after August 1, 2011** unless the beneficiary's physician has requested an override through the DC Medicaid Pharmacy Benefit Manager Prior Authorization request process.

Beginning **July 1, 2011**, DC Medicaid will cover only the following new blood glucose monitors:

Abbott Diabetes Care, Inc.  
*FREESTYLE LITE®*  
*FREESTYLE FREEDOM® LITE*  
*PRECISION XTRA®*

Roche Diagnostics Corporation  
*ACCU-CHEK COMPACT®*  
*ACCU-CHEK AVIVA®*

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Both Abbott Diabetes Care and Roche representatives are available to assist you with options to help beneficiaries obtain one of these preferred monitors. For additional product information, contact:

**Abbott 1-866-884-8892 [www.myfreestyle.com/meterprogram](http://www.myfreestyle.com/meterprogram)**

**Roche 1-800-858-8072 [www.accu-chek.com](http://www.accu-chek.com)**

DC Medicaid Fee-for-service beneficiaries will be notified of this change prior to the implementation date of July 1, 2011. We appreciate your cooperation during this transition.

For additional information about this program visit <http://dc.fhsc.com> or you may contact Charlene Fairfax, RPh. at (202) 442-9076 or [charlene.fairfax@dc.gov](mailto:charlene.fairfax@dc.gov).