

<b>Policy Name:</b>	<b>Medical Exception for Non-Covered Glucose Test Strips</b>	<b>Policy #:</b>	<b>2030P</b>
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## Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish medical exception criteria for coverage of a non-covered glucose test strip.

## Statement of the Policy

The following Abbott brand test strips are the sole preferred products: FreeStyle InsuLinx, FreeStyle Lite, Freestyle Freedom Lite, Precision Xtra. All other test strips require prior authorization for medical necessity indicating why the preferred products are unable to be used.

## Criteria

### 1. Medical Exception for Coverage of a Non-Preferred Test Strip

- 1.1 Member has a visual impairment which prevents the use of one of the covered Abbott products, OR
- 1.2 Member has a physical or mental disability that prevents the use of one of the covered Abbott products, OR
- 1.3 Member uses an insulin pump that is supplied and supported by Health Alliance/Health Alliance Northwest Medical Plans and is requesting a test strip with linking technology to the covered pump

### 2. Approval Period

- 2.1 12 months

## CPT Codes

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## HCPCS Codes

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