

INTERESTED PARTIES NOTIFICATION

TO: Interested Parties

**RE: NYS Medicaid Preferred Diabetic Supply Program
Upcoming Changes – March 1, 2011**

Effective March 1, 2011, changes will be made to the New York State Medicaid Preferred Diabetic Supply Program (PDSP). The Department of Health has selected Abbott, Bayer and LifeScan as preferred manufacturers.

Preferred blood glucose monitors and corresponding test strips from the preferred manufacturers will be available without prior approval. Beneficiaries currently using non-preferred products will need a new fiscal order to obtain preferred monitors and strips. If preferred products do not meet a beneficiary's medical needs, a non-preferred product will require prior approval. Prior approval is based on documentation of medical necessity. If approved, non-preferred products are billed using HCPCS codes on the DME claim form.

Note: In order to facilitate a smooth transition, the implementation of the new Preferred Supply List (PSL), will be phased in as follows:

- As of February 1, 2011, only Abbott, Bayer and LifeScan blood glucose monitors will be available through the PDSP. Therefore, providers are strongly encouraged to dispense monitors manufactured by Abbott, Bayer or LifeScan effective immediately. This will ensure that beneficiaries will not have to switch monitors on March 1, 2011.
- Test strips for non-preferred meters will remain on the PSL through February 28, 2011.

Attached you will find documents regarding the PDSP, including a fact sheet and the revised PSL effective February 1, 2011. Providers are encouraged to frequently visit the PDSP website for updates to the program, including the PSL. A reminder notice will be forwarded around February 18th and will include the March 1, 2011 PSL.

The current PSL is available at <https://newyork.fhsc.com/providers/diabeticsupplies.asp>

Additional information is available on the following websites:

www.nyhealth.gov or <http://newyork.fhsc.com> or www.eMedNY.org

Comments may be sent to PPNO@health.state.ny.us
Please reference "Preferred Diabetic Supply Program" in the subject line

Thank you for your interest in the NYS Medicaid program

Attachments: 2/1/11 PSL; Rev PDSP Fact Sheet, 1/11