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INFORMATIONAL LETTER 1345

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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Pharmacies, Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Rural Health Clinics (RHC), Nurse Practitioners and Medical Supply Providers

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Clarification on Preferred Diabetic Lancets, Syringes, Blood Glucose Meters, and Test Strips

EFFECTIVE: March 1, 2014

Effective on date of service March 1, 2014, the IME will begin denying claims that do not include the appropriate National Drug Code (NDC) numbers for the preferred brands or non-preferred brands of diabetic syringes and lancets. A prior authorization (PA) will be required for any NDC number that is not considered a preferred brand. Please refer to [Informational Letter 1323](#) for information regarding the list of NDC numbers covered for diabetic lancets, syringes, blood glucose meters, and test strips.

Lancet Pharmacy Billing Information: The following NDC numbers will be covered by Iowa Medicaid without PA:

Description	NDC
Unilet ComforTouch Lancets 30G	08470-0465-01
Unilet ComforTouch Lancets 28G	08470-0925-01

Lancet Medical Supply Provider Billing Information: Medical supply providers should bill using procedure code A4259 and the following preferred lancet NDC numbers:

Description	NDC
Unilet ComforTouch Lancets 30G	08470-0465-01
Unilet ComforTouch Lancets 28G	08470-0925-01

All other brands of lancets will require PA through the IME Medical Prior Authorization Unit. For questions of how to submit a prior authorization, please call 1-888-424-2070 or 515-256-4624 locally in Des Moines. Approvals for non-preferred products will be based on medical necessity which is dependent on clinically significant features not available on any of the preferred products.

The IME appreciates your partnership as we work to improve claims processing. If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-256-4609, or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us