

**DIABETES TEST STRIPS****RATIONALE FOR INCLUSION IN PA PROGRAM****Background**

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**Regulatory Status**

Blood Glucose Monitoring Test Strips are approved by FDA for the quantitative measurement of glucose in capillary whole blood from the finger, forearm, and palm.

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Prior authorization is required to ensure the safe, clinically appropriate and cost effective use of diabetes test strips while maintaining optimal therapeutic outcomes.