DESCRIPTION: Blood Glucose meters and strips measure glucose levels.

INDICATION(S): Measurement of Blood Glucose levels

CRITERIA for STRIP APPROVAL:
1. Patient has had a 30 day trial and failure of both preferred brands (Abbott Brand and J&J's Lifescan Brand).
   Abbott brand includes Freestyle product line (Lite, InsuLinx, Freedom lite) and the Precision product line (Xtra)
   Lifescan brand includes OneTouch product line (Ultra Blue and Verio).
   OR
2. Patient is using Medtronics MiniMed® insulin pump system that requires contour NEXT LINK meter. Contour NEXT LINK meter requires Contour next test strips.

CRITERIA for METER APPROVAL:
1. Patient has had a 30 day trial and failure of both preferred brands (Abbott Brand and J&J's Lifescan Brand).
   Abbott brand includes Freestyle product line (Lite, InsuLinx, Freedom lite) and the Precision product line (Xtra).
   Lifescan brand includes OneTouch product line (Ping, Ultra 2, Ultramini, Verio, Verio Sync, VerioIQ, Verio Flex).
   OR
2. Patient is using Medtronics MiniMed® insulin pump system that requires contour NEXT LINK meter. Contour NEXT LINK meter requires Contour next test strips.

REASONS for DENIAL of BENEFIT:
1. Patient does not meet above criteria.

Policy History: Created 11/2009. Revised 5/10, 5/16, 1/17 (Removal of Medtronics Model#)

BENEFIT APPROVAL: Approval for two years.