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101 CMR 322.00 (formerly 114.3 CMR 22.00): Durable Medical Equipment, Oxygen and Respiratory Therapy Equipment

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Rate Updates for Diabetes Test Strips Subject to a Rebate Agreement

Under the authority of 101 CMR 322.00, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is issuing this bulletin to establish differential rates for certain products. Specifically, pursuant to 101 CMR 322.01(6)(c), EOHHS has the authority to establish differential rates via Administrative Bulletin for durable medical equipment or medical supplies subject to a rebate agreement or agreements between a manufacturer and a governmental unit or units.

As EOHHS has a rebate agreement for diabetes test strips with Abbott Diabetes Care Sales Corporation, effective since July 1, 2015, EOHHS is hereby establishing the differential rates set forth in **Table 1** below for diabetes test strips (code A4253NU and A4253NUKL) provided to MassHealth members by MassHealth-enrolled pharmacies that are also enrolled with a DME specialty for claims submitted via the Pharmacy Online Processing System (POPS).

The rates set forth in **Table 1** are effective for dates of service on or after **March 1, 2018**.

Table 1: Rates for diabetes test strips subject to a rebate agreement

HCPCS Code	Description	Rate (for claims submitted via POPS)
A4253NU	Blood glucose test or reagent strips for home blood glucose monitor, per 50 strips	\$36.94
A4253NUKL	Blood glucose test or reagent strips for home blood glucose monitor, per 50 strips (DMEPOS item delivered via mail)	\$36.94

Non-pharmacy MassHealth-enrolled DME providers will be paid the rate set forth in 101 CMR 322.00 for diabetes test strips (codes A4253NU and A4253NUKL) provided to MassHealth members for claims not submitted via POPS.



In the event this bulletin is rescinded without replacement, pricing for diabetes test strips for MassHealth-enrolled pharmacies with a DME specialty for claims submitted via POPS will be as set forth in the version of 101 CMR 322.000 then in effect.