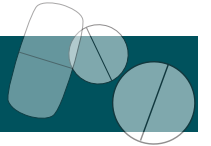


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FDA Alert on Counterfeit Test Strips



In October the FDA issued a public alert warning of counterfeit blood glucose testing strips sold through pharmacies. Potentially affected strips include Lifescan® OneTouch®Basic®/Profile® strips and Lifescan® OneTouch® Ultra® test strips.

Financial Impact

The FDA recommends members return potentially affected strips to the place of purchase. Pharmacies should replace the unused test strips without charging another co-pay or submitting another claim. There should be little or no financial impact on your bottom line prescription program costs associated to this issue.

Member Communication

Innoviant is reaching out to members who recently purchased potentially counterfeit test strips via mail to alert them of the danger. We're also training our customer service area to help individual members if they call us.

Alert Details

Affected boxes of test strips may have writing in Greek, Portuguese or French on the outside. Affected lots are:

OneTouch® Basic®/Profile® monitors:

- 272894A
- 2606340
- 2619932
- 2615211

OneTouch® Ultra® monitors:

- 2691191
- 1691261



Counterfeit strips may not accurately show blood sugar levels, causing members to use too much or too little insulin.



Recommended Action

If members have testing strips with any of the lot numbers listed, they should stop using them immediately. Counterfeit strips may not accurately show blood sugar levels, causing members to use too much or too little insulin. This could lead to serious injury.

Members should return affected, unused testing strips to the store where they purchased them. The store should replace the strips without charging additional co-pays.

Although no injuries have been reported to date, we want to make you aware of the issue to keep you and your members safe.

If you have additional questions, please contact your Innoviant account manager at (866) 800-4321.

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