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### **A1C Testing**

#### Also known as

- 1. HbA1C testing
- 2. Glycated hemoglobin testing
- 3. Glycosylated hemoglobin
- 4. Hemoglobin A1C

### Description

A1C is a blood test for type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes, gestational diabetes, and prediabetes. It measures average blood glucose, or blood sugar, level over the past 3 months. Doctors may use the A1C alone or in combination with other diabetes tests to make a diagnosis. They also use the A1C to see how well diabetes is being managed. This is different from daily blood sugar checks with a glucometer.

### See also

Similar, related, or easily confused documents.

- <u>Diabetes Navigator</u> Benefit considerations related to diabetes.
- <u>DME Grid Alpha</u> Listing of durable medical equipment (DME).

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### **Commercial**

#### Introduction

This section applies to all Commercial brands: Dean Health Plan (DHP), Mayo Medical Plan (MMP), Medica (including MHPS), and Prevea360.

# Benefits (all except MMP)

Quote laboratory benefits. When done in a facility, also quote facility benefits.

- Done for gestational diabetes: Refer to <u>Gestational Diabetes</u>.
- Home testing kit: Not covered.

# Mayo Medical Plan (MMP)

Coverage depends on the reason for the visit.

- Routine exam: Quote preventive benefits.
- Monitoring or follow-up: Quote laboratory benefits.
- Done for gestational diabetes: Refer to <u>Gestational Diabetes</u>.
- Home testing kit: Not covered.

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## **Government Programs**

#### Introduction

This section applies to all Medicaid and Medicare products.

## AccessAbility (SNBC),

### Medicaid only groups:

• See Medicaid below.

### Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)

#### Medicare eligible groups:

- Quote diagnostic services.
- Done for gestational diabetes: Refer to <u>Gestational Diabetes</u>.
- Home testing kit: Not covered.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare is the primary payer.
- If no Medicare eligibility, Medicaid applies. See Medicaid below.

### AccessAbility Enhanced (I-SNBC),

Quote outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies.

- Done for gestational diabetes: Refer to <u>Gestational Diabetes</u>.
- Home testing kit: Not covered.Medica is the only payer.
- DUAL (MSHO)

Cost (Prime)

Quote outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies.

- Done for gestational diabetes: Refer to Gestational Diabetes.
- Home testing kit: Not covered.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.

#### **Med Advantage**

Quote outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies.

- Done for gestational diabetes: Refer to Gestational Diabetes.
- Home testing kit: Not covered.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medica is the only payer.

### Med Supp (Select, Signature)

Quote laboratory benefits.

- Done for gestational diabetes: Refer to <u>Gestational Diabetes</u>.
- Home testing kit: Not covered.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare supplement.
- Medicare is the primary payer.

### Medicaid

Quote diagnostic services. When done in a facility, also quote facility benefits.

- Done for gestational diabetes: Refer to Gestational Diabetes.
- Home testing kit: Not covered.

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## **Individual and Family Business (IFB)**

#### Introduction

This section applies to all Individual and Family Business (IFB) brands: Dean Health Plan (DHP), Medica, Medica (formerly WellFirst), and Prevea360.

## Benefits

Quote laboratory benefits. When done in a facility, also quote facility benefits.

- Done for gestational diabetes: Refer to <u>Gestational Diabetes</u>.
- Home testing kit: Not covered.

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