

Financial Assistance Programs Available to you in Ontario

There are a number of financial assistance programs to help offset some of the costs associated with diabetes care. For further information about a program or to receive an application form, please contact the program directly.

Ontario Monitoring for Health Program (MFHP)

Administered by the Canadian Diabetes Association and funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Toll free: 1-800-361-0796 Web: www.diabetes.ca/Section_Regional/ontario_mfhp.asp

ABOUT THE PROGRAM	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p>The MFHP covers:</p> <p>75% of the cost of blood testing strips and lancets, up to an annual limit of \$600</p> <p>75% or \$75 (whichever is less) for a blood glucose meter, once every 5 years</p> <p>75% or \$300.00 (whichever is less) towards the purchase of a ‘talking glucose meter’, when there is visual impairment, once every 5 years</p>	<p>Applicants must be a resident of Ontario with a valid Health Card; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taking insulin to manage diabetes or have gestational diabetes; and - Receiving no other coverage for the supplies \being claimed. 	<p>A doctor’s note verifying visual impairment is required for anyone claiming for reimbursement of a ‘talking meter’</p> <p>Ask your local pharmacy if it participates in Third Party Billing, whereby you will only be required to pay for 25% of the cost of supplies covered upfront</p>

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Ontario Drug Benefit Plan (ODB) - Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Toll free: 1-888-405-0405 Web: www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/drugs/odb.html

ABOUT THE PROGRAM	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p>Drug products must be prescribed by an authorized Ontario prescriber.</p> <p>The ODB Program covers:</p> <p>Approximately 3,000 quality-assured prescription drug products</p> <p>A number of limited-use drug products</p> <p>Some nutritional products and diabetes testing supplies</p>	<p>An Ontario resident with a valid Health Card; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Receiving Social Assistance, or - Using the Trillium Drug Program, or - A senior (65+), or - A resident of a long-term care facility or Homes for Special Care, or - People receiving professional services under the Home Care program 	<p>Individuals are eligible to apply through the ministry's Individual Clinical Review (ICR/Section 8) mechanism on a case-by-case basis, if a drug is not covered by ODB. Please speak to your physician about this process.</p> <p>Depending on income, some seniors may be required to pay a \$100 deductible and a \$6.11 dispensing fee.</p> <p>All other ODB eligible people, including Trillium Drug Program recipients, may be asked to pay up to \$2 each time they fill a prescription.</p>

Syringes for Seniors Program - Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Assistive Devices Program

Toll free: 1-800-268-6021 Web: www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/adp/diabetic.html

ABOUT THE PROGRAM	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p>Provides assistance for the purchase of syringes and needles for Seniors (65+)</p> <p>Annual grant of \$170</p>	<p>Ontario resident with a valid Health Card; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Senior (65+); and - Take insulin by injection daily 	<p>Ask your pharmacist for a note indicating that you take insulin and submit with application</p>

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Assistive Devices Program (ADP) - Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Toll free: 1-800-268-6021 Web: www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/adp/about.html

ABOUT THE PROGRAM	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p>Helps people who have long-term physical disabilities get needed equipment and supplies. (wheelchairs, prosthetic limbs etc..)</p> <p>75% of the cost is covered or a fixed amount up to a maximum contribution.</p>	<p>Any Ontario resident who has a long-term physical disability and a valid Health Card.</p>	<p>Contact ADP directly or go to the website to receive/view fact sheets and application forms for the equipment or supplies that you need.</p>

Trillium Drug Program (TDP) - Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Toll free: 1-800-575-5386 Web: www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/drugs/trillium.html

ABOUT THE PROGRAM	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p>Intended for Ontarians who have high prescription drug costs in relation to their net household income</p> <p>Provides coverage for prescription drug products listed on the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary, a number of limited-use drug products, and some nutritional products and diabetes testing supplies</p>	<p>An Ontario resident with a valid Health Card; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You don't have private insurance coverage; or - Your private insurance does not cover 100% of your prescription drug costs; and - You are not eligible for drug coverage under the ODB Program 	<p>Before you receive coverage, your household must pay for a set amount of your prescription drug purchases. The deductible is paid in four installments over the program year and is based on net household income and household size.</p> <p>Check with your pharmacist or health care provider to make sure your prescriptions are eligible drug costs.</p>

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Insulin Pump and Supplies Program - Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Assistive Devices Program

Toll free: 1-800-268-6021 Web: www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/adp/insulin.html

ABOUT THE PROGRAM	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p>Provides 100% of an approved price (\$6,300) for the purchase of ADP registered insulin pumps</p> <p>Yearly grant of \$2,400 for related supplies (4 cheques of equal amounts)</p>	<p>Ontario resident with a valid Health Card; who is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18 years old or younger; and - not having success with multiple daily insulin injections and are willing and able to use an insulin pump 	<p>An ongoing commitment to blood glucose monitoring, the safe and appropriate use of the insulin pump, participation in an insulin pump education program and regular diabetes clinic attendance must be demonstrated to pediatric assessment team</p> <p>Ask your pediatric team for more information or call the program directly.</p>

Social Assistance and Disability Support Programs - Ministry of Community & Social Services

Refer to your local Blue Pages for local phone numbers

ABOUT THE PROGRAM	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p>Prescription drugs and test strips are covered through ODB</p> <p>75% of the cost of lancets is covered by the MFHP (25% is covered by Social Assistance)</p> <p>Additional management costs should be worked into cost of living expenses and reflected in monthly cheques</p>	<p>Ontario residents receiving social assistance (Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program)</p>	<p>If not using insulin, full coverage is received through social assistance.</p> <p>If you disagree with a decision or feel that you have been unfairly assessed, you may contact the Social Benefits Tribunal to appeal the decision 1-800-753-3895</p>

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Lilly Canada Cares Insulin Assistance Program

Toll free: 1-888-545-5972

ABOUT THE PROGRAM	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Provides Lilly insulin products (up to a 3-month supply with each claim) to individuals who cannot afford them and do not have government or private insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patients requiring insulin; and - Household incomes fall below Statistics Canada Low-Income Cut-Off levels - Must have no other private or government health insurance 	<p>Ask your healthcare provider about how they can apply for assistance on your behalf.</p> <p>Insulin will be delivered to the designated Diabetes Education Centre.</p>

The Diabetes Hope Foundation

Tel: (905) 670-0557 Web: www.diabeteshopefoundation.com Email: info@diabeteshopefoundation.com

ABOUT THE PROGRAM	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Includes scholarship opportunities and medical assistance programs to assist children, adolescents and their families to cope with the financial strains and burdens associated with diabetes	Contact the organization directly to find out more	

S.U.G.A.R.: Tel: 905-632-0932 Web: www.sugarcharity.org Email: info@sugarcharity.org

ABOUT THE PROGRAM	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Provides assistance for people with diabetes to access the devices and supplies that they need	Contact the organization directly to find out more.	Assistance offered varies depending on donations and support to the charity.

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Compassionate Care Program - Sanofi-Aventis

Toll free: 1-800-265-7927

ABOUT THE PROGRAM	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Provides access to Lantus insulin for those in need.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Patients using Lantus insulin.- Individuals are assessed based on individual need.	<p>Contact Sanofi-Aventis' Customer Service for more information and to obtain a Compassionate Care form.</p> <p>Physician must fill out the application form.</p>

Tax Credits & Deductions – Canada Revenue Agency

Toll free: 1-800-959-8281

Find out more about Tax Credits and deductions, including *Medical Expenses, Disability Tax Credit and Child Disability Benefit*, visit: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/disability/>

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Non Insured Health Benefits Program (NIHB) – Health Canada

Refer to your local phone book to contact the Non Insured Health Benefits Regional Office near you

Web: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fnih-spni/nihb-ssna/benefit-prestatiion/index_e.html

ABOUT THE PROGRAM	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p>Provides eligible First Nations people and Inuit with a specified range of medically necessary health-related goods and services when they are not covered through private insurance plans or provincial/territorial health and social programs.</p> <p>Benefits compliment provincial/territorial insured health care programs and include prescription drugs, medical supplies and equipment, short-term crisis counselling, dental care, vision care, medical transportation, provincial health care premiums where applicable</p>	<p>Must be identified as a resident of Canada and one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- a registered Indian according to the <i>Indian Act</i>- an Innu member of one of the two Innu communities in Labrador- an Inuk recognized by one of the Inuit Land Claim organizations- an infant less than age one, whose parent is an eligible recipient	<p>The NIHB will consider reimbursement for a higher-cost interchangeable product when a patient has experienced an adverse reaction with a lower-cost alternative.</p>

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