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Coverage for Real-Time Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems

This document includes questions and answers regarding coverage provided through the Assistive Devices Program for real-time continuous glucose monitoring systems.

It is meant to provide information to the following:

- Ontario residents with type 1 diabetes;
- the family or caregivers of individuals with type 1 diabetes;
- health care professionals involved in the care and management of Ontario residents with type 1 diabetes;
- manufacturers of real-time Continuous Glucose Monitors; and
- manufacturers of insulin pumps.

In this document:

- ADP refers to the Assistive Devices Program;
- rtCGM refers to a real-time Continuous Glucose Monitor; and
- DEP refers to a Diabetes Education Program.

If you have additional questions not covered in this document, please sent your questions to adp@ontario.ca

1. Real-Time Continuous Glucose Monitoring System

Q1.1 What is the real-time Continuous Glucose Monitor system?

A1.1 A real-time continuous glucose monitoring system includes a small disposable sensor that is worn under the skin (often on the stomach or arm).

The sensor tests sugar levels every few minutes and sends this information to an attached transmitter and then to a rtCGM which may be a compatible mobile device, an insulin pump or a standalone receiver.

A real-time continuous glucose monitoring system does not require obtaining a blood sample through finger pricks, making it easier and more convenient for people at risk of a severe or unexpected hypoglycemic event to monitor their glucose levels and stay healthy.

It enables people to check their blood glucose more often and take timely action to prevent or respond to low blood sugar levels, which can lead to better health outcomes in the long-term and help prevent health emergencies.

The real-time continuous glucose monitoring system also includes an alarm that will notify the individual, their family member, or their caregiver of decreasing glucose levels, enabling them to take timely action that can help prevent health emergencies.

Q1.2 How much does a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system typically cost for ineligible individuals?

A1.2 The real-time continuous glucose monitoring system annual cost may vary depending on the device and purchasing source as well as funding coverage such as private insurance.

Q1.3 Why was Ontario not previously funding real-time continuous glucose monitoring systems?

A1.3 Ontario's public funding of assistive devices is based on health technology reviews that provide independent evidence and recommendations to the Ministry of Health.

Funding of real-time continuous glucose monitoring systems follows a review of the evidence for clinical benefit and cost-effectiveness and negotiation with the manufacturer to ensure that Ontarians are receiving the best possible value.

Q1.4 Why did it take over three years for Ontario to decide to fund real-time continuous glucose monitoring systems?

A1.4 In 2018, Health Quality Ontario (now part of Ontario Health) recommended publicly funding real-time continuous glucose monitoring systems for some individuals with type 1 diabetes.

During the three (3) years since the release of Health Quality Ontario's (HQO) report, the Ministry of Health was actively reviewing the report, consulting with physicians and other health care professionals with an expertise in the management of type 1 diabetes and negotiating with the manufacturers to ensure that Ontarians are receiving the best possible value.

Q1.5 How does the Ministry of Health determine what devices or supplies are covered under the ADP?

A1.5 New types of devices are reviewed for ADP coverage based on factors such as device safety and durability, approval by Health Canada, cost, availability of funding and alignment with government priorities. This process takes into consideration ministry priorities, implementation options, the need for consultation with impacted stakeholders and funding considerations.

2. Eligibility Criteria to Receive ADP Coverage for Real-Time Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems

Q2.1 Who is eligible to receive ADP coverage for a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system?

A2.1 To qualify, you must:

- be an Ontario resident;
- have a valid Ontario health card;
- have a disability requiring the equipment or supplies for six months or longer; and
- meet the specific medical eligibility criteria to receive ADP coverage for a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system.

Q2.2 How were the specific medical eligibility criteria established?

A2.2 The specific medical eligibility criteria are based on the recommendation of Ontario Health (formerly Health Quality Ontario). In 2018, Health Quality Ontario (HQO) recommended publicly funding real-time continuous glucose monitoring for individuals with type 1 diabetes who are willing to use real-time continuous glucose monitoring for the vast majority of the time and who meet one or more of the following criteria.

- Severe hypoglycemia without an obvious precipitant, despite optimized use of insulin therapy and conventional blood glucose monitoring.
- Inability to recognize, or communicate about, symptoms of hypoglycemia.

To implement HQO's recommendation and establish the device specific medical eligibility criteria, Ontario Health engaged with physicians and other health care professionals with an expertise in the management of type 1 diabetes to determine the specific medical eligibility criteria.

Q2.3 What are the medical eligibility criteria for real-time continuous glucose monitoring systems?

A2.3 To receive ADP coverage, you must meet the following eligibility criteria for program benefits.

1. Applicant has type 1 diabetes.
2. Applicant meets one of the following.
 - a) Applicant is unable to recognize or communicate symptoms of hypoglycemia, or independently perform fingerstick glucose testing, owing to their developmental stage or a previously diagnosed cognitive or physical impairment.
 - b) Applicant had severe hypoglycemia in the past 2 years without an obvious precipitant, despite optimized use of insulin therapy and glucose monitoring (at least 4 times/day) which result in one of the following:
 - I. suspension of the applicant's driving licence;
 - II. hospitalization or emergency room or EMS visit; or
 - III. glucagon administration, unconsciousness, or seizure.
3. Applicant demonstrates experience with and commitment to managing blood sugar control and an ability to use a rtCGM safely and effectively by **ALL** of the following.
 - a) Applicant demonstrates a commitment to long-term diabetes follow-up through regular assessments by diabetes educators and prescribers at intervals deemed appropriate by the ADP-registered DEP.
 - b) Applicant agrees to wear the rtCGM fulltime.
 - c) Applicant agrees to share the data components of the Ambulatory Glucose Profile with the diabetes health care providers/team such as:
 - percent time in target range, percent time above or below target range, percent time in hypoglycemia; and
 - visual representation of average 24-hour glucose profile for a 2-week period.

Q2.4 Are Ontario residents with type 2 diabetes eligible for ADP coverage?

A2.4 If you have type 2 diabetes, you are **not eligible** to receive ADP coverage for real-time continuous glucose monitoring systems.

3. ADP Coverage for Real-Time Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems

Q3.1 When will ADP coverage for a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system start?

A3.1 The ADP will begin providing coverage for real-time continuous glucose monitoring systems on March 14, 2022.

If you have type 1 diabetes you are advised to contact your health care team to discuss if you meet the medical eligibility criteria.

Q3.2 Are all real-time continuous glucose monitoring systems covered for eligible individuals?

A3.2 The ADP provides coverage to eligible Ontario residents for real-time continuous glucose monitoring systems manufactured by Dexcom Canada, Co. and Medtronic Canada ULC.

For Medtronic Canada ULC, a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system includes:

- the sensors and transmitters manufactured by Medtronic Canada ULC, up to a maximum allowable quantity per 24-month period.

For Dexcom Canada, Co., a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system includes:

- the sensors and transmitter manufactured by Dexcom Canada, Co., up to a maximum allowable quantity per 24-month period; and
- the Dexcom G6 receiver for individuals who do not have access to a compatible mobile device.

Q3.3 If I am eligible how much coverage will the ADP provide?

A3.3 For ADP-funded clients, the real-time continuous glucose monitoring system will be provided to you at no cost.

In the case of Medtronic Canada ULC, you will receive at no cost:

- the sensors and transmitters manufactured by Medtronic Canada ULC up to a maximum allowable quantity per 24-month period.

In the case of Dexcom Canada, Co., you will receive at no cost:

- the sensors and transmitter manufactured by Dexcom Canada, Co. up to a maximum allowable quantity per 24-month period; and

- the Dexcom G6 receiver if you do not have access to a compatible mobile device.

A list of the sensors and transmitters covered by the ADP, including the maximum allowable quantity of sensors and transmitter allowed per 24-month period, will be found in *the Real-Time Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems Product Manual*, located on the ADP website:

https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/adp/product_manuals/product_manuals.aspx

Q3.4 Will my coverage for the sensors and transmitters be provided in the form of a yearly grant, similar to ADP coverage for supplies used with an insulin pump?

A3.4 ADP coverage for the sensors and transmitters will **not be** provided in the form of a yearly grant that is paid directly to the ADP-funded client.

The manufacturer (also known as the ADP-registered vendor) will provide you with the sensors and transmitter, and will bill the ADP directly, up to the maximum quantity allowed per 24-month renewal period.

Q3.5 How did the ADP determine the maximum allowable quantities allowed per 24-month period?

A3.5 The maximum quantities allowed per 24-month period are based on the rtCGM manufacturer's recommendation on when the sensor or transmitter must be replaced.

4. Applying for ADP Coverage

Q4.1 How can I access ADP coverage?

A4.1 Similar to other ADP-funded devices, you must first be assessed. For real-time continuous glucose monitoring systems, you must be assessed by the health care team from an ADP-registered DEP.

An ADP-registered DEP is a specialized multi-disciplinary team registered with the ADP and comprised of health professionals that provide diabetes education, treatment, and follow-up resources to individuals with diabetes.

- The DEP will determine if you :

- are an appropriate candidate for real time continuous glucose monitoring; and
 - meet the ADP's medical eligibility criteria for the real-time continuous glucose monitoring system.
- The DEP will assist you to select the rtCGM that best meets your needs.
 - A physician or nurse practitioner, registered as a prescriber with the ADP-registered DEP, **must** certify that you have type 1 diabetes, have demonstrated a clinical need for real time continuous glucose monitoring and meet the device specific medical eligibility criteria.
 - ADP coverage is only provided when real-time continuous glucose monitoring has been prescribed by a physician or nurse practitioner who is registered with the ADP as a prescriber with the ADP-registered DEP.

Once it has been determined that you meet the medical eligibility criteria, an application form must be submitted to the ADP.

- The prescriber, the applicant, or their agent, and the rtCGM manufacturer must all complete and sign the application form, consistent with all ADP-funded devices.

Q4.2 What if I am not a patient with an ADP-registered DEP?

A4.2 If you are not currently a patient with an ADP-registered DEP, you should ask your family physician or your physician specialist for a referral to an ADP-registered DEP.

A patient should only be referred to the DEP if in the view of the physician, the patient may meet the specific medical eligibility criteria listed in A2.3 A list of ADP-registered DEPs can be found on the ADP website at:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/insulin-pumps-and-diabetes-supplies#>

Q4.3 What if my endocrinologist is not registered as a prescriber with an ADP-registered DEP - can my endocrinologist sign the application form requesting ADP coverage for the real-time continuous glucose monitoring system?

A4.3 Only a physician or nurse practitioner registered as a prescriber with an ADP-registered DEP can complete and sign the application form requesting ADP coverage for real-time continuous glucose monitoring systems.

Should an endocrinologist wish to become an ADP-registered prescriber, they are advised to contact one of the ADP-registered DEPs in their community to discuss.

An ADP-registered DEP can request that the ADP add a physician or nurse practitioner to **their list** of prescribers.

The DEP must submit the request in writing, along with the documentation confirming that the physician or nurse practitioner:

- is affiliated with their DEP; and
- meets the requirements to be a prescriber for real-time continuous glucose monitoring.

A list of ADP-registered DEPs can be found on the ADP website at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/insulin-pumps-and-diabetes-supplies#>

Q4.4 Can a family physician sign the ADP application form requesting ADP coverage for a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system?

A4.4 Only a physician or nurse practitioner who is registered as a prescriber with the ADP-registered DEP can complete and sign the application form.

A family physician who is not registered as a prescriber with the ADP-registered DEP cannot sign the application form requesting ADP coverage for real-time continuous glucose monitoring systems.

Q4.5 Once the application is submitted to the ADP, how long does it take before my application is approved to receive coverage for my real-time continuous glucose monitoring system?

A4.5 The ADP can process an application that is complete and accurate within two (2) weeks from the date the Program receives the application.

Q4.6 Can I apply for ADP coverage if I am currently using a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system?

A4.6 If you are currently using a rtCGM, you may be eligible to receive ADP coverage for the sensors and transmitters used with your rtCGM if you meet all of the following:

- use a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system covered by the ADP;
- are followed by an ADP-registered DEP; and
- a physician or nurse practitioner, registered with the ADP-registered DEP as a prescriber, confirms that prior to starting real-time continuous glucose monitoring, you met the device-specific medical eligibility criteria.

You are advised to contact your rtCGM manufacturer.

The manufacturer can contact the ADP to discuss the process for determining if you meet the medical eligibility criteria.

Q4.7 Can I apply for ADP coverage if I am currently using an ADP-funded insulin pump?

A4.7 If you are currently using an insulin pump, with rtCGM technology, you may be eligible to receive ADP coverage for the sensors and transmitters used with the rtCGM. You would still need to:

- meet the device specific medical eligibility criteria for a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system; and
- submit an application form requesting ADP coverage

Q4.8 What if I want to apply for a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system, and an insulin pump and the related supplies?

A4.8 If you are requesting ADP coverage a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system, and an insulin pump and the related supplies, you must submit two (2) separate application forms.

Both application forms must be completed and signed by a physician or nurse practitioner registered as a prescriber with an ADP-registered DEP.

The prescriber must confirm that you:

- meet the medical eligibility criteria for the insulin pump and the related supplies, and
- meet the medical eligibility criteria for a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system.

For details, see the ADP's Insulin Pump and Supplies Policy and Administration Manual available on the Ministry of Health's website.

Q4.9 What if I want to use a compatible mobile device as my rtCGM?

A4.9 The sensors and transmitter manufactured by Dexcom Canada, Co. and Medtronic Canada ULC can be used with a compatible mobile device.

The ADP does not provide coverage for compatible mobile devices.

If you are considering using a compatible mobile device, you are advised to discuss this with Dexcom Canada, Co. or Medtronic Canada ULC.

Q4.10 What if I do not have a compatible mobile device?

A4.10 The sensors and transmitters manufactured by Dexcom Canada, Co. can be used with the Dexcom G6 Receiver.

If you do not have a compatible mobile device, you will receive a Dexcom G6 Receiver at no cost. You are advised to discuss this with Dexcom Canada, Co.

For Medtronic Canada ULC, the sensors and transmitters can be used with the MiniMed 670G insulin pump, the MiniMed 770G insulin pump or the Guardian Connect. You are advised to discuss this with Medtronic Canada ULC.

Q4.11 What if I want to use an insulin pump as my rtCGM?

A4.11 If you want to use an insulin pump manufactured by Medtronic Canada ULC as your rtCGM, and if you want ADP coverage for the pump and the related supplies, you will need to apply for ADP coverage for the insulin pump and the related supplies. To receive ADP coverage, you will need to meet the medical eligibility criteria for an insulin pump and the related supplies.

If you are interested in using an insulin pump as your rtCGM, you are advised to contact an ADP-registered DEP.

Q4.12 What if my sensor and transmitter cost is currently covered under an alternative funding source such as another government funding program, or a private or workplace insurance program?

A4.12 You are advised to continue with your current coverage until:

- you have been assessed by an ADP-registered DEP to determine eligibility under ADP; and
- an application is submitted to the ADP, and the ADP has processed the application and made a decision on whether you are eligible for ADP coverage.

If you are eligible for coverage for the device under the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997* or under the Veterans Treatment Regulations made under the *Department of Veterans Affairs Act (Canada)*, you would not be eligible for the real-time continuous glucose monitoring system under the ADP.

Q4.13 If I am not eligible for ADP coverage for a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system, what other supports are available?

A4.13 The ADP will only provide coverage to Ontario residents who meet the criteria for coverage under ADP, including the Program's medical eligibility criteria. If you **do not qualify for ADP or do not meet** the Program's medical eligibility criteria you may:

- be eligible for funding through the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services if you are receiving social assistance benefits;
- pay privately; or
- receive coverage through a private or workplace insurance plan.

The Ontario Drug Benefits (ODB) Program provides funding assistance for intermittently scanned continuous glucose monitors (formerly referred to as flash glucose monitoring).

The Monitoring for Health Program, a transfer payment agency of the ADP and administered by Diabetes Canada, provides funding for blood glucose meters and the related supplies used to measure blood glucose levels through the traditional finger prick method. To be eligible for the Monitoring for Health Program, the person must not have access to other funding sources, such as other government funding programs, or private or workplace benefits.

5. Sensors, Transmitters, and the Receiver

Q5.1 How will I receive my sensors, transmitters, and if required the receiver?

A5.1 Once you have selected the rtCGM that best meets your needs, you are advised to work with the rtCGM manufacturer.

The manufacturer will advise you on the process for receiving your sensors, transmitters and if required the receiver. The DEP will let you know how to contact the manufacturer.

Q5.2 What if I need more sensors or transmitters than the maximum quantity allowed?

A5.2 If you need more sensors or transmitters than the maximum quantity allowed, you or your family is responsible for the cost of the items. You or a member of your family is advised to contact your manufacturer.

For Dexcom Canada Co., contact the manufacturer at:

Dexcom Customer Service
1-844-832-1810 (Option 1)
CA.Accounts@Dexcom.com

For Medtronic Canada ULC, contact the manufacturer at:

Telephone 1-800-284-4416

- Sales & Customer Service: 8:00am-8:00pm EST, Monday through Friday
- Bilingual Product Technical Support: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Email: diabetessales.canada@medtronic.com

Q5.3 Who will show me how to use/maintain/care for my rtCGM and the supplies?

A5.3 The manufacturer and the ADP-registered DEP will demonstrate how to use, care for, and maintain the real-time continuous glucose monitoring system.

Q5.4 What if my rtCGM breaks down?

A5.4 If the rtCGM breaks down, you may be required to temporarily return to capillary blood glucose (self-monitoring blood glucose). The ADP does not provide coverage for any repairs to the rtCGM. You are advised to work with your rtCGM manufacturer regarding a replacement device.

Q5.5 What happens if one of the sensors or transmitters cannot be used due to product failure?

A5.5 If due to product failure you cannot use one of the sensors or transmitters, you are advised to contact the manufacturer's (ADP-registered vendor) customer service department.

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Q5.6 What if I switch manufacturers?

A5.6 If you switch manufacturers, from Dexcom Canada, Co. to Medtronic Canada ULC or from Medtronic Canada ULC to Dexcom Canada, Co., **you must notify the ADP**, using the Change of Vendor Form.

If you do not notify the ADP, the new manufacturer (the ADP-registered vendor) will not be able to invoice the ADP for the sensors or transmitters you use with the new rtCGM.

The Change of Vendor Form **must** include the date you changed from your first manufacturer to the new manufacturer.

The form **must** be completed and signed by the following:

- the ADP-funded client;
- the ADP-registered Diabetes Education Program;
- the previous ADP-registered vendor; and
- the new ADP-registered vendor.

Once completed and signed the form can be submitted to the following email address: assistivedevicesprogram@one-mail.on.ca

Since the form includes personal health information, only use the above email address when submitting the form.

6. Renewing ADP Coverage for the Supplies

Q6.1 Do I need to renew ADP coverage for the sensors and transmitter and what is the process for renewing ADP coverage?

A6.1 You must renew your ADP coverage for the sensors and transmitters every two (2) years.

To renew ADP coverage, you must complete the ADP renewal form, confirming that you continue to be eligible to receive ADP coverage for the sensors and the transmitters.

You are advised to keep track of when your 2-year coverage period will end and work with the manufacturer (ADP-registered vendor) to ensure the renewal form is completed and returned to the ADP so there is no disruption in payments to the vendor.

Q6.2 Do I need to meet specific eligibility criteria to continue to receive ADP coverage for the sensors and transmitter?

A6.2 To continue to receive ADP coverage for the sensors and transmitters, you must meet the following conditions.

1. You continue to demonstrate a commitment to regular assessments by diabetes prescribers as deemed appropriate by the ADP-registered DEP.
2. You wear the rtCGM for a minimum of 70% of the time.
3. You share data components of the Ambulatory Glucose Profile with your diabetes health care providers/team.

Q6.3 What happens if my renewal form is not submitted to the ADP?

A6.3 If the renewal form is not returned to the ADP, the Program will discontinue ADP coverage for the sensors and the transmitters

Q6.4 What happens if I do not meet the eligibility criteria for renewing my ADP coverage for the sensors and transmitters?

A6.4 If you do not meet the eligibility criteria for renewing ADP coverage for the sensors and the transmitters, the ADP will discontinue ADP coverage.

At that time, you may be required to return to capillary blood glucose (self-monitoring blood glucose).

Q6.5 Under what circumstances will the ADP cancel/discontinue ADP coverage for the sensors and the transmitters?

A6.5 The ADP will cancel your ADP coverage for the sensors and the transmitters if:

- the renewal form is not returned to the ADP; or
- you return the renewal form to the ADP confirming that you do not meet the following eligibility criteria:
 - client continues to demonstrate a commitment to regular assessments by diabetes prescribers as deemed appropriate by the ADP-registered DEP;
 - client wears the rtCGM for a minimum of 70% of the time; and
 - client shares data components of the Ambulatory Glucose Profile with their diabetes health care providers/team.

Q6.6 If ADP coverage for the sensors and the transmitters is cancelled, how can ADP coverage be restarted?

A6.6 If the ADP cancelled coverage because the renewal form was not returned to the ADP, you are advised to work with your manufacturer (ADP-registered vendor) to arrange for the renewal form to be completed and sent to the ADP as soon as possible.

- If ADP coverage is reinstated, the ADP will only provide coverage up to the maximum quantity of sensors and transmitters allowed per 24-month period.

If the ADP cancelled coverage because the renewal form confirmed that you do not meet the renewal eligibility criteria, you are advised to work with your ADP-registered DEP and manufacturer (ADP-registered vendor).

- The ADP will consider on a case-by-case basis requests to restart ADP coverage cancelled because a client confirmed that they do not meet the renewal eligibility criteria.
- The ADP-registered DEP must submit written documentation outlining the relevant clinical information.

- The ADP will review the information and make a decision on whether to restart ADP coverage.
 - If ADP coverage is reinstated, the ADP will only provide coverage up to the maximum quantity of sensors and transmitters allowed per 24-month period.
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7. Intermittently Scanned Continuous Glucose Monitoring

Q7.1 What is the difference between a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system and the flash glucose monitoring system?

A7.1 Both the real-time continuous glucose monitoring system and the flash glucose monitoring system (now referred to as an intermittently scanned continuous glucose monitoring system) measure interstitial (in between the cells) glucose and provide patterns and trends in data to assist with making clinical decisions.

Real-time continuous glucose monitoring systems continuously monitor glucose levels and send data to a device automatically. These devices also send alerts for high readings, low readings, or the rate of change in glucose levels and may be integrated with insulin pumps.

While flash glucose monitoring systems also continuously measure glucose and regularly update readings, data is stored at set time intervals.

The sensor maintains a certain amount of glucose data which is transferred to the reader when it is scanned, creating the possibility for a complete 24-hour glucose record. The data held by the reader can be downloaded to a computer for a more extensive analysis.

Q7.2 Does ADP provide coverage for the FreeStyle Libre?

A7.2 The FreeStyle Libre and FreeStyle Libre 2 are intermittently scanned continuous glucose monitors (isCGM), formerly referred to as flash glucose monitors.

The ADP **does not** provide coverage for isCGM or the supplies used with the isCGM.

The Ontario Drug Benefit Program provides coverage for the isCGM manufactured by Abbott Canada (FreeStyle Libre and the FreeStyle Libre 2) for eligible Ontario residents.

Q7.3 Can I apply for ADP coverage for a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system if I am currently using an isCGM?

A7.3 The ADP does not provide coverage for isCGM.

If you think you may meet the medical eligibility criteria for a real-time continuous glucose monitoring system and would like to start real-time continuous glucose monitoring, you are advised to discuss this with your health care team, and if appropriate, you can be referred to an ADP-registered DEP.

8 Other Supports for Ontario Residents with Diabetes

Q8.1 What type of support does the ADP provide for people with diabetes?

A8.1 The ADP provides funding for other devices and/or supplies used by people with type 1 and type 2 diabetes.

This includes the following:

- insulin pumps and the related supplies for people with type 1 diabetes;
- needles and syringes for seniors who take insulin by injection; and
- blood glucose meters and the related supplies for people who take insulin and do not have access to other funding sources, such as other government assistance program, or private or workplace insurance benefits.

Q8.2 What type of support does the Ontario Drug Benefit program provide for people with diabetes?

A8.2 The Ontario Drug Benefit program provides coverage for over 230 diabetes support products, including insulin products, oral diabetes medications and blood glucose test strips to Ontario Drug Benefit eligible patients.

As well, approximately 30 oral diabetes medications are covered, according to specified criteria, through the Ontario Drug Benefit's Exceptional Access Program.

Ontario was one of the first provinces to publicly fund flash glucose monitors and provides broad coverage for people living with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes compared to other provinces in Canada. Ontario has been providing coverage for the FreeStyle Libre 1 system since September 2019 and the FreeStyle Libre 2 since November 2021.

Q8.3 Who is eligible for the Ontario Drug Benefit program public drug program coverage?

A8.3 The Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program provides coverage for approximately 5,000 drug products and therapeutic substances on the ODB Formulary, and about 1,000 drug products through the Exceptional Access Program (EAP).

The Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program eligibility includes Ontario residents with a valid OHIP card who are:

- seniors;
- living in a:
 - long-term care home;
 - home for special care; and
 - Community Home for Opportunity;
- 24 years of age or younger and not covered by a private insurance plan;
- receiving professional home and community care services;
- receiving benefits from [Ontario Works](#) or [Ontario Disability Support Program](#);
- enrolled in the [Trillium Drug Program](#).

For more information on the ODB program, please visit the Ministry's website:
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-coverage-prescription-drugs>