

Assistive Devices Program

Programme D'Appareils Et Accessoires Fonctionnels

Diabetes Equipment and Supplies

What kinds of diabetes equipment and supplies are available through the Assistive Devices Program (ADP)?

ADP helps pay for devices to administer insulin, such as needles and syringes.

ADP also provides funding to the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) Monitoring for Health Program to help with the costs of blood glucose meters, lancets and test strips.

Who can apply for the Needles & Syringes Grant?

Any resident of Ontario who has a valid Health Card, who is 65 years of age or older and uses insulin by injection on a daily basis can apply for help in buying needles and syringes.

ADP does not pay for equipment or supplies available under the Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB)

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Group A veterans for their pensioned conditions.

How can I apply to ADP?

If it is your first application, ask your pharmacist to give you a note confirming that you take insulin on a daily basis. Send this note along with the application.

If you want help in paying for a blood glucose meter and supplies to be used with it, you need an application form from the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) Monitoring for Health Program.

Residents of any age, who have a valid Health Card and use insulin injections or who have gestational diabetes, can apply to the CDA for help in buying blood glucose monitoring equipment and supplies if they have no other health insurance that covers these devices.

How much money will I get to help pay for diabetes supplies?

For needles and syringes, if you are 65 or older, ADP will give you a grant of \$170, once a year.

For blood glucose meters, whatever your age, the CDA Monitoring for Health Program will pay 75 per cent of the cost of the regular device to a maximum payment of \$75.

If you are visually impaired, the maximum payment is 75 per cent of the cost of a talking meter to a maximum payment of \$300.

The Program will provide funding towards a meter once every five years.

Blood testing strips and lancets are covered at 75% to a maximum of \$600 annually.

Do I need to see my doctor?

Seniors who receive their insulin through the Ontario Drug Benefit Program, do not need to have a physician sign the ADP form.

For blood glucose meters, lancets and testing strips, your doctor must sign your first application form from the CDA stating that you have diabetes and use insulin injections.

Where should I buy my equipment or supplies?

You may buy your diabetes supplies from any vendor in Ontario who sells these products.

It is important that you be trained in what kind of meter is best for you, the correct supplies, and how to use them. Consult your doctor, pharmacy, or healthcare professional to make sure you receive the training you need.

What do I do next?

If applying for assistance with the cost of your blood glucose meter, strips or lancets, please contact the CDA to receive additional instructions at:

Canadian Diabetes Association
National Office
Monitoring for Health Program
1400 – 522 University Avenue
Toronto ON M5G 2R5
Toll Free...1-800-361-0796

What if I have more questions?

If applying for a needles and syringes grant, fill in your ADP form and send it to:

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Operational Support Branch
Assistive Devices Program
5700 Yonge Street, 7th Floor
Toronto ON M2M 4K5

OR visit web-site:
www.health.gov.on.ca

OR call one of the telephone numbers listed below:

Toronto.....416-327-8804
Toll Free 1-800-268-6021
TDD/TTY.....416-327-4282
Toll Free 1-800-387-5559
Fax416-327-8192

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