

Prince Edward Island Insulin Pump program for children and youth



on July 1, 2014,
children under the age of 19
living with type 1 diabetes in PEI can apply to the
PEI Insulin Pump Program to help offset the cost
associated with insulin pump therapy.

Health PEI
One Island Health System

To qualify for coverage, individuals must meet a number of clinical requirements, including taking an active role in the management of their diabetes; for detailed information visit healthpei.ca/insulin-pump

Insulin pump therapy can benefit individuals living with type 1 diabetes by:

- providing more precise insulin dosages;
- only requiring needle insertion every two to three days;
- allowing easy adjustments to changes in meal time or missed meals; and
- reducing low blood sugar reactions, especially at night.

The PEI Insulin Pump Program may provide up to 90% coverage to assist with the cost of the pump and the monthly pump supplies. The amount this program will provide for individuals will depend on a number of factors, including private health care insurance coverage and income.

Eligible for government funding:

- Insulin pump from a government approved vendor
- Infusion sets
- Reservoirs
- Site Inserters
- Skin adhesive

The government of PEI is pleased to offer this program to improve access to a therapy that may help improve the quality of life for children living with type 1 diabetes and their families.

If you are interested in obtaining more information, contact your pediatrician, diabetes specialist or the Health PEI Provincial Diabetes Program at (902)838-0787.

The following chart shows examples of what could be covered for individuals under this program.

YEARLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME	PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE COVERAGE	ESTIMATED OUT OF POCKET COSTS*			
		WITHOUT PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE		WITH PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDING 80% COVERAGE (FOR EXAMPLE PURPOSES ONLY)	
		PUMP PAYABLE EVERY 5 YEARS	PUMP SUPPLIES/YEAR	PUMP PAYABLE EVERY 5 YEARS	PUMP SUPPLIES/YEAR
\$0 - \$20K	90%	\$630	\$300	\$126	\$60
\$20 - \$50K	80%	\$1260	\$600	\$252	\$120
\$50 - \$100K	70%	\$1890	\$900	\$378	\$180
\$100K+	60%	\$2520	\$1200	\$504	\$240

*The co-pay amount is in addition to any current expenses for insulin and blood glucose test strips covered under the provincial Pharmacare program. It does not include out of pocket expenses for additional blood glucose test strips (6-10 tests per day), lancets, pump batteries etc. while on insulin pump therapy. (Additional average out of pocket expenses = \$1200/year). All costs listed are estimates only. Individuals are required to apply for program funding and will be provided with specific pricing that reflects their situation. Determining factors include: private insurance coverage, device costs and household income.

