



# Diabetes Treatment and Supplies

Diabetes is reported in 1 in 5 Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older and is associated with over 60% higher out-of-pocket prescription costs compared to those without diabetes. Read more about Medicare's coverage of diabetes treatment and supplies to better understand what's available to help prevent, detect, and treat this disease.

Medicare Part B	Medicare Part D
<p><b>Testing Equipment &amp; Supplies</b> Including blood sugar monitors, blood sugar test strips, lancet devices &amp; lancets, continuous glucose monitors and glucose control solution for testing accuracy</p> <p><b>Insulin Pumps</b> If your doctor has prescribed you an insulin pump, will cover the pump itself including the insulin used with it. Beneficiaries must meet certain conditions to qualify</p> <p><b>Therapeutic Shoes &amp; Inserts</b> If you have diabetes and at least one qualifying condition in one or both feet, Medicare will cover one pair of depth-inlay shoes and three pairs of inserts, or one pair of custom-molded shoes (including inserts) if you can't wear depth-inlay shoes because of a foot deformity and 2 additional pairs of inserts</p> <p><b>Screening &amp; Services</b> Covers certain services, screenings, and trainings to help you prevent, detect, and treat diabetes, including diabetes screening tests, diabetes prevention programs, self-management training, medical nutrition therapy, and A1c testing</p>	<p><b>Insulin</b> Covers injectable insulin (not used with an infusion pump) and inhaled insulin. The insulin must be part of your Medicare drug plan's formulary (list of covered drugs), and your copay cannot be more than \$35 for a one-month supply of covered insulin</p> <p><b>Anti-Diabetic Drugs</b> For blood sugar that isn't controlled by insulin, Part D plans can cover anti-diabetic drugs like glipizide, metformin, Actos, Starlix, Precose, Byetta, Ozempic, Trulicity, Victoza, Farxiga, Invokana, Jardiance, and many more</p> <p><b>Certain Diabetes Supplies</b> Supplies used to inject or inhale insulin may be covered by your drug plan, including syringes, insulin pens with or without included insulin, needles, alcohol swabs, gauze, inhaled insulin devices with or without included insulin</p>

## Insulin Coverage Updates

Starting in 2023, all Part D plans will cap the cost of a month's supply of covered insulin at \$35 (in 2022, only select plans offered this benefit). Insulin costs will not count towards your Part D deductible, if applicable, and will remain capped at \$35 throughout the year. In July of 2023, beneficiaries that receive insulin for their insulin pump through Medicare Part B will also have the same \$35 cap for a month's supply.

**Thank You For Attending**

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