

## **Applicant Information Sheet Insulin Syringes for Seniors**

### **What kind of supplies does the Assistive Devices Program (ADP) cover?**

The ADP helps pay for the needles and syringes used to inject insulin.

### **Who can apply?**

- Any permanent resident of Ontario who has a valid health card issued in their name;

and

- is 65 years of age or older;

and

- uses needles and syringes to inject insulin on a daily basis.

The ADP does not pay for equipment available under Workplace Safety & Insurance Board or to Group "A" Veterans for their pensioned conditions.

Funding assistance is **not** provided to individuals who live in a long-term care facility, an acute care hospital or chronic care hospital.

### **How do I apply?**

You must complete the **Application for Funding Insulin Syringes for Seniors** form and mail it to the ADP at:

Assistive Devices Program  
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care  
5700 Yonge Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto ON M2M 4K5

### **Who Can Sign My Application Form?**

You are required to sign the application form. If you are unable to sign, someone who has the legal authority to act on your behalf may do so. This may be your spouse, child, power of attorney, or public trustee.

### **What happens next?**

It should take no more than six weeks from receipt of a properly completed form for the ADP to review your application.

- You will receive written notification if the ADP is unable to approve funding.
- If funding is approved, you will receive your grant payment within two weeks from the date the ADP approves the application.

### **How much money will the ADP contribute for my needles and syringes?**

The ADP will give you an annual grant of \$170.

### **Does this mean that ADP will pay 100% of my costs?**

No. The annual grant is intended to cover a portion of the cost of the needles and syringes. Some private insurance companies may pay for the supply cost over the annual grant paid by the ADP. You should check with your insurer or agent.

### **How do I get my needles and syringes?**

You may buy your needles and syringes from any supplier in Ontario who sells these products.

It is important that you be trained how to use your supplies. Consult your doctor, pharmacy, or healthcare professional to make sure you receive the training you need.

### **Must I keep my receipts?**

Yes. As a client of the program, you may be subject to an audit by the ADP. You must retain the original receipts for the needles and syringes for a minimum of two years after the purchase date.

### **How often must I apply?**

If you continue to inject insulin on a daily basis, you must reapply for funding assistance every two years. A renewal form will be mailed to you directly. You must complete this form and return it to the ADP to continue receiving the annual grant.

### **What if I am not eligible for ADP funding assistance?**

If you are not eligible for funding assistance through the ADP, your insurance company may pay the cost of the needles and syringes. You may wish to check with your insurance company to see if they will pay for these items.

### **What if I have more questions about ADP?**

Write or telephone:

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