

# Assistive Devices Program Funding for an insulin pump

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## What is the Assistive Devices Program (ADP)?

ADP is a government program that provides financial help to pay for an insulin pump and some supplies.

## How much financial help does ADP provide?

### ADP covers:

- the cost of your insulin pump
- \$600 towards pump supplies every 3 months

This includes reservoir/cartridges, infusion sets and tubing.

You must keep all of your receipts for 2 years to prove the money is spent on these items.

### ADP does not cover:

- All of the costs of your pump supplies. You will need to cover this cost which can be up to \$150 each month.
- The cost of insulin or test strips.

## What do I need to do in order to start receiving ADP funding?

In order to start on an insulin pump and get ADP funding, you must meet all of these criteria:

- Have a valid OHIP card.
  - Have Type 1 diabetes and be at least 19 years of age.
  - Take both basal and bolus insulin for at least 1 year.
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## **What do I need to do in order to start receiving ADP funding?** (continued)

- Have 3 – A1C tests done within 1 year.
- Be able to count carbohydrates and adjust your insulin based on your “insulin to carbohydrate ratio” and “correction factor”.
- Check your blood ketones when your blood sugar is over 14 mmol/L, know what to do if you have ketones.
- Know what to do when you are sick.
- Have attended at least 3 visits with your diabetes team in the past year.
- Bring your log book and blood glucose meter to every visit.

## **When will I find out if I have been approved for ADP funding?**

The timeline for processing ADP's application is 6 to 8 weeks.

If the application is completed correctly, you can expect your first cheque within this timeline. You will not receive a notice that you have been approved before you receive the cheque.

## **Starting your insulin pump – 90 day trial period**

You will have a 90-day trial period once you start using an insulin pump. During this time you will work with your diabetes team to:

- help you learn how to use the pump
- assess and adjust your basal rates
- assess and adjust your bolus calculator settings (carbohydrate to insulin ratio, blood glucose targets and insulin correction factor)
- determine if the pump is working well for you

You will be asked to keep in touch with your diabetes team regularly by phone or email.

This will take a lot of time. In the first 90 days, you will need to test your blood sugar, log your insulin doses and food intake more often than usual.

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## How is ADP funding renewed?

Funding is renewed each year.

The ADP office mails a renewal form about 2 months before your renewal is due.

The ADP renewal form must be filled out by your diabetes team and signed by your diabetes doctor.

Book your appointment well in advance of your renewal date to have your ADP renewal form signed.

## What is the criteria to have ADP funding renewed?

You must meet all of these criteria:

- Test your blood sugar at least 4 times a day.
- Have brought your pump data management reports (Medtronic – Carelink, Animas – Diasend, Omnipod – CoPilot) and food records to every visit with your diabetes team.
- Show that you are carbohydrate counting and using an “insulin to carbohydrate ratio”.
- Show that you know how to take extra insulin for high blood sugars by using a “correction factor”.
- Check blood ketones when your blood sugar is over 14 mmol/L and know what to do if you have ketones.
- Have had 2 – A1C tests done 3 months apart during the previous year.
- Have attended at least 3 regular follow-up visits with your diabetes team during the previous year.
- Have your diabetes doctor sign your ADP renewal form.

You will need to reapply for ADP funding once a year. You must meet all of the above criteria to qualify for renewal.

If you do not meet this criteria, you may have your ADP funding denied.

## **How do I show that I am meeting ADP criteria?**

You will need to:

- Attend regular diabetes appointments – at least 3 each year.
- Bring these to all of your diabetes appointments:
  - pump data management reports
  - your blood glucose meter
  - food records
  - recent blood work including A1C

## **I have had a pump for 5 years. Am I eligible for a new pump?**

No, not necessarily. ADP does not provide automatic replacement when the warranty has expired or after 5 years. A new pump is provided only if the pump is no longer in good working order.

## **When does my pump warranty expire?**

Most pump companies provide at least a 4 year pump warranty that begins on your pump start date. Check your pump warranty with your pump company.

## **Can ADP funding be taken away?**

Yes. If you do not meet the renewal criteria, your funding may be stopped or delayed until the criteria are met.