

## **PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Most pharmaceutical companies offer financial assistance programs to persons who have trouble affording their diabetic medications or diabetic supplies.

Each program has specific criteria that must be satisfied in order for an individual to be considered eligible for a financial assistance program.

### **Contact Information for Pharmaceutical Companies:**

#### **INSULIN**

##### **Eli Lilly and Company (Insulin)**

Lilly Diabetes Solutions Center  
833-808-1234

[www.lilly.com/diabetessolutioncenter](http://www.lilly.com/diabetessolutioncenter)

Humulin (insulin)

The Lilly Cares Foundation, Inc.  
800-545-6962

[www.lillycares.com](http://www.lillycares.com)

##### **Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Insulin)**

800-727-6500

[www.ada.cornerstones4care.com](http://www.ada.cornerstones4care.com)

##### **Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

Patient Assistance Connection  
888-847-4877

[www.sanofipatientconnection.com](http://www.sanofipatientconnection.com)

Insulins Valyou Savings Program

833-813-0190

[www.insulinsvalyou.com](http://www.insulinsvalyou.com)

#### **INSULIN SYRINGES**

##### **BD (Becton, Dickson and Company)**

BD Insulin Syringe Assist Program  
866-818-6906

[www.bd.com](http://www.bd.com)

## **PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS**

### **Pfizer**

Drugs: Glucotrol (glipizide) and Glucotrol XL (glipizide extended release)  
Connection to Care, Pfizer Helpful Answers

800-707-8990

[www.phahelps.com](http://www.phahelps.com)

## **DISCOUNT PROGRAMS & DATABASES**

### **BLINK HEALTH**

Offers discounted prices for many medications.

(Works with Eli Lilly and Company)

[www.blinkhealth.com](http://www.blinkhealth.com)

### **GOOD RX**

Provides a searchable database of current prices and discounts for medications.

[www.goodrx.com](http://www.goodrx.com)

### **Inside Rx**

Offers discounted prices for many medications.

[www.insiderx.com](http://www.insiderx.com)

### **Rx Assist**

Provides a comprehensive database of pharmaceutical assistance programs.

[www.rxassist.org](http://www.rxassist.org)

### **ACCU-CHEK**

#### **DISCOUNT PROGRAM/COUPONS FOR METERS & SUPPLIES**

<https://www.accu-chek.com/microsites/free-medicare-blood-glucose-meter>

### **PRICE CHOPPER DIABETES ADVANTAGE PROGRAM**

Receive free diabetes medication, supplies, and GE glucose meter. \$14.99 test strips (#50 GE)

Free Diabetes Medication:

- Glimepiride
- Glipizide
- Glipizide XL
- Glyburide
- Metformin
- Metformin ER

Free Diabetes Supplies:

- FREE GE Glucose Meter      - \$11.99 50ct. GE Test Strips
- Lancets
- Lancet Device

## **MEDICARE GUIDELINES FOR DIABETIC SUPPLIES:**

Medicare Part B Covers:

- Blood sugar (glucose) test strips
- Blood glucose monitors, lancet devices and lancets
- Glucose control solutions for checking the accuracy of test strips and monitors
- Insulin ONLY IF you are using a medically necessary insulin pump

There are coverage limits on the quantity and frequency you can get these supplies.

- If insulin dependent, may be able to get up to 300 test strips and 300 lancets every 3-6 months.
- If non-insulin dependent, may be able to get up to 100 test strips and 100 lancets every 3-6 months.
- If the physician says it is “medically necessary”, Medicare will allow additional test strips and lancets.

Medicare Part B Does Not Cover:

- Insulin (unless used with a medically necessary pump)
- Insulin pens, syringes, or needles
- Alcohol swabs or gauze

For specific information on what Medicare covers for diabetic supplies, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/medicare-diabetes-coverage>

If you have Medicare prescription drug coverage (Medicare Part D), insulin and certain medical supplies used to inject insulin may be covered through the drug plan.

Generally, a consumer pays 20% of the Medicare-approved amounts for diabetic supplies. Those with a supplemental insurance, in addition to Medicare, may be able to have the 20% billed to that supplemental insurance.

Must get supplies from a pharmacy or supplier that is a “Medicare Provider”, enrolled in Medicare. If they are not, Medicare will not pay, and the consumer will have to pay the entire bill. All Medicare-enrolled pharmacies and suppliers must submit claims for diabetic testing supplies. A consumer cannot send in the claim themselves.

Need to ask pharmacy or supplier if:

- They are enrolled in Medicare
- They accept assignment

Contact Medicare to find participating pharmacies/suppliers:

- Medicare.gov/supplier
- 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227)