

Alberta Health Insulin Pump Therapy Program

Effective June 1, 2013, the Insulin Pump Therapy (IPT) Program will be available to Albertans with Type 1 diabetes mellitus who meet eligibility criteria for coverage of insulin pumps and IPT supplies. The IPT Program will be delivered by Alberta Health Services. Patients must be assessed at an Alberta Health Services approved Diabetes Insulin Pump Clinic (Clinic) to receive coverage under the IPT Program. More information about the IPT Program is available on the Alberta Health website in Bulletin Med 174 at <http://www.health.alberta.ca/professionals/bulletins-medical.html>, as well as at <http://www.health.alberta.ca/services/insulin-pump-therapy-program.html>.

New IPT patients—those who were not using IPT as of June 1, 2013

New IPT patients will receive an enrolment confirmation letter from Alberta Blue Cross, which may be presented at the pharmacy to confirm their approval of benefits under this program. Pharmacies do not need to keep this letter on file. New IPT patients are eligible, from the date stated in their confirmation letter, for an insulin pump every five years and IPT supplies on an ongoing basis, as long as they continue to meet IPT Program criteria.

Coverage may be terminated at any point if a new IPT patient fails to meet criteria at reassessment visits. If terminated, the patient will receive a patient discontinuation letter from Alberta Health Services indicating they are no longer enrolled in the IPT Program and no longer covered for these benefits.

Existing IPT patients—those who were already using IPT as of June 1, 2013

Existing IPT patients will receive an enrolment confirmation letter from Alberta Blue Cross, which may be presented at the pharmacy. Pharmacies do not need to keep this letter on file. Existing IPT patients are eligible, from the date stated in their confirmation letter, for IPT supplies for five years.

Coverage may be terminated prior to the end of the five year period if an existing IPT patient is assessed as a potential new IPT patient at a Clinic and found not to meet the clinical criteria. If terminated, the patient will receive a patient discontinuation/ineligibility letter from Alberta Health Services indicating that they are no longer enrolled in the IPT Program and therefore, no longer covered for IPT supplies. The letter will also indicate that the patient has not been accepted into the IPT Program as a new IPT patient and will not be eligible for a new insulin pump and ongoing IPT supplies.

Eligible supplies

New IPT patients will be required to obtain the insulin pump directly from the following approved insulin pump manufacturers (not a pharmacy) who will submit claims directly to Alberta Blue Cross: Animas Canada, GlaxoSmithKline, Medtronic of Canada and Roche Insulin Delivery Systems.

New and existing IPT patients are eligible to obtain the following IPT supplies from either an approved insulin pump manufacturer or directly from a licensed pharmacy in Alberta, both of whom will submit claims directly to Alberta Blue Cross under Group 0023464.

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IPT Eligible Supply Product List

Product	PIN	Dollar maximum	Quantity limit	Minimum quantity to dispense *
Infusion sets	990045	n/a	Not to exceed 100 in 100 days	10
Insulin cartridges/reservoirs	990057	n/a	Not to exceed 100 in 100 days	10
Serters	999603	n/a	One per year	one
IPT skin preparation (dressings and/or skin adhesives and/or adhesive removers)	999602	\$100 per year	100 days supply up to \$100 per year	one
Blood glucose test strips	999955	n/a	Not to exceed 700 in 100 days	50
Blood ketone test strips	990072	n/a	Not to exceed 20 in 100 days	10
Blood ketone test meter	999601	n/a	One every two years	one
Lancets	999941	n/a	Not to exceed 700 in 100 days	50
Insulin syringe or pen tip needle	999952 - Syringe 999985 - Pen needle	n/a	Not to exceed 100 per year	Syringe - 10 Pen needle - 50

*Per prescription fill, the minimum quantity to dispense ensures a quantity of one box is not submitted.

Claiming details for pharmacy providers

When billing IPT claims for IPT supplies, Alberta Blue Cross requires that the claims be submitted electronically through the Alberta Blue Cross PRIDE-RT direct bill claim adjudication system with the following claim data elements:

- Carrier Code 16 (as the third-party plan)
- Group number for all transactions should be 23464, Section 000
- Pharmacy license number
- Pharmacist identification number
- Client's Personal Health Number (PHN)
- Client's full name (last and first name)
- Client's date of birth
- Client's gender
- Relationship code: should your software require you enter a relationship code, zero (0) must be used as the default
- Prescriber reference code
- Prescriber ID number
- Service date
- Product PIN, from the Insulin Pump Therapy Program product list
- Quantity

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Direct bill claims are to be submitted utilizing the appropriate PIN from the product list provided along with the **usual and customary retail price** in the drug cost field. Additional Inventory Allowance (AIA) or Dispensing Fee costs are not eligible for claim submission and will result in one or both of the following claim rejection messages:

OK- *Maximum allowable AIA exceeded*

OL- *Maximum allowable dispensing fee exceeded*

Post claim verification: on behalf of Alberta Health, Alberta Blue Cross may be conducting post claim verifications on a sample of pharmacy claim transactions and invoices under the IPT Program and the associated direct bill claim.



For more information on pharmacy topics, please contact your Pharmacy Services representatives at:

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