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Part I	PROVINCIAL COVERAGE PROVISIONS
Supports for people with diabetes	<p>Alberta Health and Wellness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Alberta Health and Wellness contracts with Alberta Blue Cross to offer three supplementary health plans for Albertans: Non-Group Coverage, Coverage for Seniors, and Palliative Care Drug Coverage. Non-Group coverage can be purchased for an individual or family (consistent with the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan coverage and policies). A Non-Group premium subsidy is available for those who qualify. No premiums for Coverage for Seniors or Palliative Care Drug Coverage. No deductibles for any of the plans. ➤ Non-Group Individual/Family: for drugs included in the Alberta Health and Wellness Drug Benefit List, at least 70 per cent of the prescription costs are covered by the government to a maximum of \$25,000/year per recipient, individual co-pays 30 per cent to a maximum of \$25 per prescription. ➤ AMFH¹ program, administered by the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) provides some funding for diabetic supplies for people with low income and without private insurance. For those individuals using insulin \$550/year; oral diabetes medication \$250/year; diet \$100/year. <p>Alberta Employment and Immigration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Children in low income families: ACHB² provides premium-free health benefits, based on family size and family net income, plus a non-taxable child support payment received, and includes 100 per cent coverage for medication included in the Alberta Health and Wellness Drug Benefit List and/or Alberta Employment and Immigration Drug Benefit Supplement and essential diabetic supplies included in the Alberta Employment and Immigration Drug Benefit Supplement. ➤ Income Support provides 100 per cent coverage for medication included in the Alberta Health and Wellness Drug Benefit List and/or Alberta Employment and Immigration Drug Benefit Supplement, essential diabetic supplies included in the Alberta Employment and Immigration Drug Benefit Supplement and \$40/month for diabetic special diet benefits. ➤ AAHB³ provides premium-free health benefits to families leaving Income Support or AISH⁴ for employment, or excess Canada Pension Plan – Disability (CPP-D) income. Other Albertans with low income are also eligible for the AAHB – pregnant women, and households whose ongoing costs for drugs and/or diabetic supplies are high in relation to their income. AAHB clients receive 100 per cent coverage for medication included in the Alberta Health and Wellness Drug Benefit List and/or Alberta Employment and Immigration Drug Benefit Supplement and essential diabetic supplies included in the Alberta Employment and Immigration Drug Benefit Supplement. Eligibility is assessed annually, based on family size and family net income, plus non-taxable child support payments received. <p>Alberta Seniors and Community Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Seniors (65 years of age and older and lower-income) through the SNASP⁵ may receive additional coverage up to \$5000 /year for eligible medical expenses, including diabetes supplies. ➤ AISH clients receive up to 100 per cent coverage for medication included in the Alberta Health and Wellness Drug Benefit List and/or Alberta Employment and Immigration Drug Benefit Supplement, essential diabetic supplies included in the Alberta Employment and Immigration Drug Benefit Supplement and up to \$40/month for diabetic special diet benefits.

¹AMFH: Alberta Monitoring for Health

²ACHB: Alberta Child Health Benefit

³AAHB: Alberta Adult Health Benefit

⁴AISH: Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped

⁵SNASP: Special Needs for Assistance for Seniors Program

Emergency assistance	<p>Alberta Employment and Immigration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Requests are reviewed on a case by case basis by the Income Support program to assist persons who normally have sufficient income to meet their needs but have a short-term need which they are unable to afford – this could include diabetes supplies or medication.
Formulary status of diabetes drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Listed: acarbose / chlorpropamide / gliclazide including Diamicon MR / glyburide / Glucagon / insulin lispro (most) / insulin aspart / insulins (regular and NPH) / metformin / pioglitazone (Actos) / repaglinide (GlucNorm) / rosiglitazone (Avandia) / tolbutamide / rosiglitazone maleate and metformin HCL (Avandamet) ➤ Restricted: None ➤ Not listed: glimepiride (Amaryl) / nateglinide (Starlix) * ➤ For persons receiving health benefits through the Alberta Employment and Immigration programs, drugs not listed on the formularies (such as Lantus and Levemir) may be authorized by the Health Benefits Review Committee, if medical documentation is sufficient to establish the need, and other drugs listed on the formulary are ineffective or not appropriate due to side effects or other medical considerations.

* Lantus insulin/ Levemir insulin are not benefits

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Part 2 ACCESS TO MEDICATION AND SUPPLIES						
(✓) indicates access is available, subject to income, age, or other provisions or restrictions listed in Part 1. (x) indicates access is not available. (*) (**) indicates special circumstances. See Comment column.						
	Individuals & Families	Seniors	Low Income	Income Support, ACHB and AAHB	AISH	Comment
Prescription medication						
• Insulin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
• Oral agents	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Testing supplies						** for those on SNASP *for those on AMFH
• Lancets	*	**	*	✓	✓	
• Monitors/meters	x	x	x	✓	✓	Up to \$70 one-time for those on Income Support and AISH
• Test strips (BG)	*	**	*	✓	✓	** for those on SNASP *for those on AMFH
• Test strips (Ketone)	*	**	*	✓	✓	** for those on SNASP *for those on AMFH
Insulin delivery						** for those on SNASP *for those on AMFH
• Pen needles	*	**	*	✓	✓	
• Pumps	x	x	x	*	*	*may be provided through the Health Benefits Review Committee authorization
• Pump supplies	*	x	*	✓	✓	* Infusion sets only for those on AMFH
• Syringes	*	**	*	✓	✓	** for those on SNASP *for those on AMFH