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Part I PROVINCIAL COVERAGE PROVISIONS

Deductibles and co-payments (Fair PharmaCare)	<p>To qualify for Fair PharmaCare, individuals must be BC residents and registered with the Medical Services Plan. Families must register with the FP plan and provide signed consent for confirmation of income with Canada Customs and Revenue Agency. Coverage is based on Net Family Income (NFI). Families are notified of their deductible levels; patients pay 100 % of their eligible Rx costs to their deductible level, then PharmaCare covers a percentage of those costs up to the annual family maximum. When Annual Maximum (based on a percentage of NFI) is reached, PharmaCare pays 100% of Rx drug costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NFI <\$15,000: no deductible; PharmaCare pays 70% of prescription drug costs. Annual Maximum is 2% of NFI ➤ NFI \$15,000-\$30,000: deductible equal to 2% of NFI; PharmaCare pays 70% of prescription drug costs. Annual Maximum is 3% of NFI. ➤ NFI >\$30,000: deductible equal to 3% of NFI; PharmaCare pays 70% of prescription drug costs. Annual Maximum is 4% of NFI. <p>Enhanced Assistance (born in 1939 or earlier):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NFI <\$33,000: no deductible ; PharmaCare pays 75% of prescription drug costs. Annual Maximum is 1.25% of NFI. ➤ NFI \$33,000- \$50,000: deductible equal to 1% of NFI; PharmaCare pays 75% of prescription drug costs. Annual Maximum is 2% of NFI. ➤ NFI >\$50,000: deductible equal to 2% of NFI; PharmaCare pays 75% of prescription drug costs. Annual Maximum is 3% of NFI. <p>NOTE: Income bands are not based on exact percentages. Contact Ministry of Health for further details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The number used to determine NFI (Net Family Income) appears on line 236 of an income tax statement.
Fair PharmaCare - Monthly Deductible Payment Option	<p>This monthly deductible payment option benefits families who have high prescription costs and expect to reach their deductible by allowing them to distribute their prescription drug costs over the course of the year and receive PharmaCare assistance with eligible prescription costs right away. Participation is optional.</p>
Income Review	<p>If NFI (Family Net Income) has dropped by >10% within the year, PharmaCare will allow an income review that may result in a lower deductible or the elimination of the deductible. An application form for this review is available at http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/pharme/outgoing/appform.pdf</p>

Emergency assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Application can be made for a “medical only file” with the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance, a special designation for those who do not qualify for other benefits from the Ministry. Requires financial assessment and physician’s letter stating details and that situation is life threatening. ➤ Those on BC Benefits may qualify for \$35/month for diet benefits.
Formulary status of diabetes drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Listed: acarbose (Prandase) / chlorpropamide / glucagon / glyburide / insulins (regular) / insulin aspart mix (NovoMix 30) / insulin lispro (Humalog Mix 50) & insulin aspart (Novo Rapid) –subject to maximum coverage amount / metformin / tolbutamide ➤ Restricted: gliclazide (Diamicron MR) / pioglitazone (Actos) / rosiglitazone (Avandia) / insulin glargine (Lantus)** / rosiglitazone & metformin HCL (Avandamet) ➤ Not listed: glimepiride (Amaryl)/ nateglinide (Starlix) / repaglinide (GlucoNorm) / insulin detemir (Levemir)

*MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN: PAYMENTS BASED ON FAMILY SIZE AND INCOME. PREMIUM ASSISTANCE AND TEMPORARY PREMIUM ASSISTANCE PROVIDE SUBSIDIES FOR PEOPLE WITH LOW INCOME OR UNEXPECTED FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.

** Special Authority required unless prescribed by an Endocrinologist.

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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 I. (✗) indicates access is not available. (*) indicates special circumstances. See Comment column.					
	Individual & Families	Seniors	Low income	Social Assistance	Comment
Prescription medication					
• Insulin	✓	✓	✓	✓	
• Oral agents	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Testing supplies					
• Lancets	✗	✗	✗	✗	
• Monitors/meters	✗	✗	✗	✗	
• Test strips (BG)	✓	✓	✓	✓	With a Certificate of Training from an approved Diabetes Education Centre.
• Test strips (Ketone)	✗	✗	✗	✗	
Insulin delivery					
• Pen needles	✓	✓	✓	✓	
• Pumps	✗	✗	✗	✗	
• Pump supplies	✓	✓	✓	✓	Covers infusion sets/kits (needles, syringes and tubing) only
• Syringes	✓	✓	✓	✓	