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Part I PROVINCIAL COVERAGE PROVISIONS	
Nova Scotia Diabetes Assistance Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Residents of Nova Scotia with a diagnosis of diabetes pay an annual family deductible based on family size and income, as well as a 20% copayment per Rx.
Deductibles and co-payments (Pharmacare)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Seniors >65: Pay a premium of up to \$424 per year, then 33 % co-pay to max \$382/yr (when maximum is reached, govt. pays all further costs). Maximum copayment per Rx: \$30. ➤ Employment support and income assistance: on a case-by-case basis, \$5 per prescription with no annual maximum.
Emergency assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ May be provided by pharmaceutical companies under direct appeal. ➤ Community Services Program will consider “special needs” based on individual circumstances, accessed through social worker.
Formulary status of diabetes drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Listed: acarbose (Prandase) / gliclazide (Diamicron) / glyburide / insulins (regular) / metformin / tolbutamide ➤ Restricted: insulin lispro (Humalog) / insulin aspart (Novo Rapid) – requires letter from physician and only for those on intensive therapy / pioglitazone (Actos) / rosiglitazone (Avandia) / rosiglitazone maleate & metformin HCL (Avandamet) ➤ Not listed: glimepiride (Amaryl) / repaglinide (GlucoNorm) / nateglinide (Starlix) / <p>For a complete listing see: http://www.gov.ns.ca/health/pharmacare/formulary</p>

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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.

(✗) indicates access is not available.

(*) indicates special circumstances. See Comment column.

	Individuals & Families	Seniors	Low income	Social Assistance	Comment
Prescription medication					
• Insulin	✗	✓	✗	✓	
• Oral agents	✗	✓	✗	✓	
Testing supplies					
• Lancets	✗	✓	✗	✓	
• Monitors/meters	✗	✗	✗	✗	
• Test strips (BG)	✗	✓	✗	✓	
• Test strips (Ketone)	✗	✓	✗	✓	
Insulin delivery					
• Pen needles	✗	✓	✗	✓	
• Pumps	✗	✗	✗	✗	
• Pump supplies	*	*	✗	*	* Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
• Syringes	✗	✓	✗	✓	