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Part I PROVINCIAL COVERAGE PROVISIONS	
Deductibles and co-payments (Drug Plan and Extended Benefits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Seniors on OAS/GIS¹: \$200 deductible every 6 months, then 35% govt co-pay. ➤ Seniors on OAS/GIS in a nursing home /SIP²: \$100 deductible every 6 months, then 35% govt co-pay. ➤ Seniors' Drug Plan: Over age 65, income-based drug coverage, to a maximum of \$15 for each eligible prescription ➤ Children's Drug Plan: For children 14 years and under, to a maximum of \$15 for each eligible prescription ➤ Family Health Benefits: for low-income families with children. Adults have a \$100 deductible every six months, then 35% govt co-pay. No cost for children under 18 for drugs, medical supplies, appliances, transportation. ➤ Social assistance: supplementary benefits covering most diabetes-related costs. ➤ Special Support Program: people with low income and/or high drug costs can apply for income-based drug coverage with deductibles based on 3.4% of adjusted family income.
Emergency assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ One time assistance through the Drug Plan for medications and diabetic supplies listed on the provincial formulary. Requests for assistance are handled through pharmacists.
Formulary status of diabetes drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Listed: acarbose (Glucobay/Prandase) / chlorpropamide / RDNA glucagon / glyburide / insulins (regular, NPH, mixed regular/NPH) / metformin / tolbutamide ➤ Restricted: insulin aspart (Novo Rapid) / insulin lispro (Humalog) / nateglinide (Starlix) / pioglitazone (Actos & generics)* / repaglinide (GlucoNorm) / rosiglitazone (Avandia)* / rosiglitazone maleate & metformin HCL (Avandamet) * <i>Online criteria adjudication is now available so access to these two drugs is improved.</i> ➤ Not listed: gliclazide (Diamicon MR) / glimepiride (Amaryl) / insulin aspart mixed (NovoMix 30) / insulin lispro mixed (Humalog Mix 25 , Mix 50) / insulin detemir (Levemir) / insulin glargine (Lantus) ➤ Under review: sitagliptin (Januvia) ➤ Not submitted by manufacturer for review: rosiglitazone maleate/glimepiride (Avandaryl)

¹ OAS/GIS: OLD AGE SECURITY / GUARANTEED INCOME SUPPLEMENT

² SIP: Saskatchewan Income Plan

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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	✗	✗	✓ (children only)	✓	
• Test strips (BG)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
• Test strips (Ketone)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Insulin delivery					
• Pen needles	✓	✓	✓	✓	
• Pumps	*	*	*	*	Coverage for insulin pumps & supplies available for children under age 18 (i.e. 17 and under) who meet specific medical criteria.
• Pump supplies	*	*	*	*	Coverage for insulin pumps & supplies available for children under age 18 (i.e. 17 and under) who meet specific medical criteria.
• Syringes	✓	✓	✓	✓	
• Swabs	✓	✓	✓	✓	