

Insulin Pump Program Application Medical Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for assistance with the purchase of an insulin pump and/or pump supplies through our program, you must meet the following criteria.

- Have type 1 diabetes
- If you are applying for an **insulin pump and/or pump supplies**, you must be 25 years of age or younger at some point in the calendar year (January 1 – December 31) for which you are applying.
- You must have had type 1 diabetes for over a year. Some exemptions will apply – discuss this with your diabetes health care team.
- For younger children, you must have a plan for operating the pump when your child is at daycare or school.
- If you are applying for a new insulin pump, you must attend an NSIPP-approved Diabetes Centre's Insulin Pump Therapy education sessions and undergo an assessment. You will need to demonstrate that you know how to count carbohydrates, manage sick days and adjust insulin doses as required and can safely operate a pump.
- If you are applying for supplies only, you must still attend an NSIPP-approved Diabetes Centre.
- You must have attended at least **2** Diabetes Centre appointments in the last year if applying for your **first year** of NSIPP coverage, and you must agree to attend at least **2** follow-up appointments per year to be able to **renew** your NSIPP coverage.
- If you are studying outside Nova Scotia, you must agree to attend at least **1** appointment per year in Nova Scotia. Other appointments can be scheduled in the province where you are studying.
- You must have had no more than **2** diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) episodes in the past year if applying for your **first year** of NSIPP coverage OR you must have had no more than **1** DKA episode in the past year if **renewing** your NSIPP coverage.
- You must agree to monitor your blood glucose at least **4** times per day, and act on those readings.
- You must agree to have at least **2** hemoglobin A1C tests per year, and meet or maintain your personalized A1C goal.

Once your diabetes health care team knows you meet these criteria and can safely manage your diabetes using an insulin pump, they will fill out a medical eligibility form, and you'll be able to receive your insulin pump and/or pump supplies.