



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

Summary of Diabetes Drugs, Insulins, and Supplies Coverage for FNHA Clients

This document provides a summary list of the coverage status of the different diabetes drugs, insulins and related supplies for clients of the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA). Please note that benefit coverage of some drugs is subject to criteria and require the prescriber to submit a [Special Authority](#) request. In exceptional cases, the prescriber may provide a written request for Special Authority for a drug that is a non-benefit or when the general Special Authority criteria is not met. PharmaCare [Low Cost Alternative Program](#) applies to some brand drugs.

DIABETES DRUGS

Drug Chemical (brand names)	Plan Wellness Formulary
Biguanide	
Metformin (Glucophage, generics)	Benefit
Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 (DPP-4) Inhibitor	
Linagliptin and Linagliptin with Metformin (Trajenta, Jentadueto)	Requires Special Authority
Saxagliptin and Saxagliptin with Metformin (Onglyza, Komboglyze)	Requires Special Authority
GLP-1 Receptor Agonist/Incretin Mimetic	
Semaglutide (Ozempic)	Ozempic: Requires Special Authority
Sulfonylurea	
Gliclazide (Diamicon, generics)	Benefit
Glyburide (Generics)	Benefit
SGLT-2 Inhibitor	
Empagliflozin and Empagliflozin with Metformin (Jardiance, Synjardy)	Requires Special Authority

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*DISCLAIMER: This information is current as of July 25, 2022 . Visit the PharmaCare formulary search website for the most up-to-date Plan W drug listings. For general coverage questions, contact the FNHA Health Benefits toll-free line: 1-855-550-5454

Thiazolidinedione (TZD)	
Pioglitazone (Generics)	Requires Special Authority
INSULINS	
Drug Chemical (brand names)	Plan Wellness Formulary
Rapid-Acting Insulin	
Insulin Aspart (NovoRapid, Trurapi)	Trurapi: Benefit
Insulin Glulisine (Apidra)	Benefit
Insulin Lispro (Humalog, Admelog)	Admelog: Benefit
Regular Insulin	
Insulin Regular (Humulin R, Novolin Ge Toronto)	Benefit
Intermediate-Acting Insulin	
Insulin NPH (Humulin N, Novolin Ge NPH)	Benefit
Long-Acting Insulin	
Insulin Detemir (Levemir)	Requires Special Authority (unless prescribed by an Endocrinologist)
Insulin Glargine U100 (Basaglar)	Basaglar: Benefit
Mixed Insulin	
Insulin Regular/NPH Premixed (Humulin 30/70, Novolin Ge 40/60)	Benefit

DIABETES SUPPLIES

Item Name	Plan Wellness Formulary	Additional Comments
Insulin pumps (Omnipod Insulin Management System, YpsoPump, MiniMed Insulin Pump System)	Requires Special Authority	Limited to one insulin pump every 5 years
Insulin pump supplies	Benefit	
Urine ketone strips	Benefit	
Blood ketone strips	Benefit	
Alcohol swabs	Benefit	
Lancets	Benefit	
Needles and Syringes – Insulin Use Only	Benefit	
Sharps containers	Non-Benefit	Available as a benefit through Pacific Blue Cross (Note to Pharmacists: PBC PharmacyFee Supplement for FNHA Clients)
Continuous Glucose Monitor (Dexcom G6® CGM)	Requires Special Authority Annual quantity limits apply to the sensor and transmitter.	Only the sensor and transmitter of DexcomG6® CGM brand are covered. Note: Clients who do not have a compatiblesmartphone for the Dexcom G6® CGM can contact the manufacturer at ca.accounts@dexcom.com or 1-844-832-1810 to order thereceiver at no cost.
Blood glucose test strips	Annual Quantity Limits Apply. Additional strips require Special Authority . Clients are encouraged to attend an education program at a Diabetes Education Centre however, this is not mandatory at this time.	Note: Clients accessing these strips for the first time can contact FNHA Health Benefitsat: 1-855-550-5454 to activate coverage. Pharmacists, Diabetes Educators, Nurses, Health Directors and Health Advocates can contact FNHA Health Benefits on behalf of a client, and with client's consent to activatecoverage.

REFERENCES

Topic	Reference	Content
Diabetes Product Identification Numbers (PINs)	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/pharmacare/pharmacies/product-identification-numbers/diabetes-product-identification-numbers-pins	Lists of PINs for insulin pumps (includes brands covered), continuous glucose monitor (Dexcom G6®), needles/syringes (insulin use) and Blood Glucose Test Strips
BC PharmaCare Coverage of Insulin pumps	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/health-drug-coverage/pharmacare/ip.pdf#:~:text=PharmaCare%20provides%20coverage%20for%20the%20Omnipod%20Insulin%20Management,a%20MiniMed%20Insulin%20Pump%20System%20manufactured%20by%20Medtronic.	Eligibility requirements and procedure for insulin pump coverage; kinds of pump covered; PharmaCare-approved vendors in B.C.
Insulin pump supplies	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/pharmacare/pharmacies/product-identification-numbers/diabetes-product-identification-numbers-pins/insulin-pump-supplies	List of PINs and description of insulin pump supplies covered for FNHA clients
BC PharmaCare Coverage Limits for Blood Glucose Test Strips – Test With Purpose	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/health-drug-coverage/pharmacare/bgts.pdf	Annual quantity limit for blood glucose test strips; links to resources with information on the recommended frequency of blood glucose testing
Plan W Non-drug OTC Benefits	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/pharmacare/pharmacies/product-identification-numbers/plan-w-non-drug-otc-benefits	List of PINs for Diabetic supplies such as ketone strips, lancets, alcohol swabs etc.
Pacific Blue Cross Pharmacy Fee Supplement for FNHA Clients	https://www.pac.bluecross.ca/pdf-bin/FNHA/0799.010_FNHA-PHARMACY-FeeSupplement.pdf	PBC PINs for sharps container
Diabetes Canada: Diabetes and You	www.diabetes.ca/diabetes-and-you	Resources for individuals to support their role in diabetes management
Diabetes Canada: Clinical Practice & Education	www.diabetes.ca/clinical-practice-education	Resources for health care providers and diabetes educators to inform and guide the best care of people with diabetes

NOTE: Non-Plan W clients (e.g., BC clients accessing border pharmacies in Alberta or Yukon Territory) will access coverage for all diabetes drugs, insulins and supplies through Pacific Blue Cross.