



Paying for Diabetes Supplies

This handout lists programs that can help to cover the cost of your diabetes supplies.

Costco

www.costco.com

Costco members can get supplies at lower prices through Costco's Preferred Drug List as long as you are not covered otherwise through private or state insurance. Bayer test strips and Novolog are inexpensive through this program, but not all brands are available. The website will direct you to Costco pharmacies in your region, where you can register by filling out a form.

Ameriplan USA

www.mybenefitsplus.com/health

This is not insurance, but a medical service buying program. You can custom select only the type of provider or supplies you need like dental, vision, chiropractic, or pharmacy at discounted rates. It has individual and household memberships. This is an option for people who cannot afford insurance or who need to supplement insurance with weak benefits. Other offerings include laboratory procedures, mental health, physical therapy, and imaging.

Members can use most national chain pharmacies such as Walgreens, Target, Wal-Mart etc., and independent pharmacies. Big savings on name brand and generic prescription drugs.

The Ameriplan Diabetic package can be useful for people with high co-pays. Provides discounts on supplies that do not need a prescription (so not insulin).

Medco Health

www.medcohealth.com

The diabetes plan offers big savings through purchasing power. Enrollment includes many supplies such as a free meter, test strips, etc.

American Diabetes Wholesale (ADW)

www.americandiabeteswholesale.com

ADW offers brand name diabetic supplies for up to 60% below retail prices. Free shipping for over \$100.

Med-Care's Discount Diabetes Supplies

www.discountdiabeticsupplies.com

Discount Diabetic Supplies accepts Medicare and most private insurances. Offers a big selection at low prices.

Diabetic Supplies Inc.

www.diabeticsupplyinc.com

1-877-272-4593

Allows families to buy in large quantities at low prices. Free delivery.

To Learn More

- Endocrinology
206-987-2640
- Your child's
healthcare provider
- www.seattlechildrens.org

Free Interpreter Services

- In the hospital,
ask your child's nurse.
- From outside the
hospital, call the toll-free
Family Interpreting Line
1-866-583-1527. Tell the
interpreter the name or
extension you need.
- For Deaf and hard of
hearing callers
206-987-2280 (TTY)

Diabetes Store

www.diabetesstore.com/about.html

Another discounted purchasing option.

Washington State Health Care Authority

www.rx.wa.gov

1-800-769-3880

Allows buyer to purchase a 90-day supply of meds (including insulin) at a discount. Not all brands are covered. Qualification is based on household income and number of people living at home.

Savings through coupons or going to Medication Representatives

The diabetes nurses at Children's may be able to help with this. Call us at 206-987-2640 or toll-free 1-866-987-2000 ext. 1529.

Insurance programs based on income

- State Health Insurance (DSHS): Apply online at www.onlinecso.dshs.wa.gov or view Medicaid eligibility guidelines at www.metrokc.gov/health/insurance
- Washington State Basic Health Plan
1-800-826-2444 or online at www.basicealth.hca.wa.gov/apply.shtml
- First Steps Program (if you are pregnant)
1-800-322-2588

Seattle Children's Hospital Uncompensated Care Program (age 0 to 21)

Children's Hospital has a program that can help families with bills from our medical groups – including prescriptions written by Children's physicians. To apply for Children's Financial Assistance Program, you first fill out a brief eligibility form. The Financial Assistance Program will review this and call you to discuss payment plans, insurance alternatives, and possibly the need to have prescriptions filled here at Children's through Uncompensated Care. Call 206-987-3333 to speak with a financial counselor.

Harborview Medical Center and University of Washington Medical Center

Both Harborview and the UW Medical Center offer a financial assistance program. Please contact 206-598-1950 or 1-877-780-1121 to request more information regarding the assistance that can be offered. Please speak to your provider about a referral to the Endocrine Clinics at these facilities.

Seattle Children's offers interpreter services for Deaf, hard of hearing or non-English speaking patients, family members and legal representatives free of charge. Seattle Children's will make this information available in alternate formats upon request. Call the Family Resource Center at 206-987-2201.

This handout has been reviewed by clinical staff at Seattle Children's. However, your child's needs are unique. Before you act or rely upon this information, please talk with your child's healthcare provider.