

Social Assistance Programs: Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) & Ontario Works (OW) Ministry of Community & Social Services

Toll-free: 1-888-256-6758 (for inquiries related to ODSP); Ontario Works – contact local OW office (contact info available online or through Service Ontario 1-800-267-8097) Web: <http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcsc/programs/social/index.aspx>

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

If you are an ODSP or OW client, your prescription drug products and blood glucose test strips are automatically covered through your Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) card

Coverage for other diabetes supplies:

If you are NOT using insulin:

You are eligible to receive a monthly amount to help cover the cost of other diabetes supplies such as lancets, alcohol swabs, etc. For more info, please contact your Caseworker directly.

If you ARE using insulin:

75% of the cost of your lancets can be covered through the *Monitoring for Health Program* in this chart; the other 25% of the cost of your lancets should be covered by Social Assistance. Ask your Caseworker for more information or call the Monitoring for Health Program at 1-800-361-0796.

You can also receive a monthly amount to help cover the cost of other supplies such as syringes, pen needles and alcohol swabs. For more info, please contact your Caseworker directly.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Ontario residents receiving social assistance:

- Ontario Works (OW) recipients *or*
- Ontario Disability Support (ODSP) Program recipients

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Special Diet Allowance:

If you are a social assistance recipient and you have diabetes, you are eligible to apply for the “Special Diet Allowance”. This Allowance provides additional monthly amounts to help cover the cost of special diets for certain medical conditions including diabetes. Ask your Caseworker for more information.

Medical Appointments:

If you regularly spend \$15 or more per month travelling to medical appointments, you may be able to get this money back. Ask your Caseworker for more information.

If you disagree with a decision made by Social Assistance, there are ways to appeal the decision. Call your local OW/ODSP office to find out how or contact your local Community Legal Clinic. (Find the Clinic nearest you by calling 1-800-668-8258 or ask for info at any other community service agency)