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NATIONAL PHARMACARE UPDATE

In anticipation of National Pharmacare coverage beginning in PEI on May 1, 2025, Pharmacare would like to share some important information.

Who is eligible:

An individual is eligible for the program if they:

- are a PEI resident as defined by the [Drug Cost Assistance Act](#);
- have a valid [PEI Health Card](#); and
- are prescribed medication that is included in the list of drugs covered by the National Pharmacare program (see below).

How does a person get coverage through National Pharmacare?

There is no application process for medication coverage except for blood glucose test strips. Individuals are automatically included in the National Pharmacare Program if they meet the eligibility criteria.

For coverage of blood glucose test strips, enrollment in the [Diabetes Drug Program](#) is required. More information about expanded coverage of blood glucose test strips is provided below.

How to bill medication to National Pharmacare:

- All medications covered in National Pharmacare must be billed through **PHIP AUTO**.
- Payor of last resort legislation does not apply to medications in National Pharmacare (exception: blood glucose test strips); medications should only be billed using **PHIP AUTO**, even if the patient has private insurance.
- For blood glucose test strips billing, payor of last resort legislation does apply. If an individual has private insurance, their insurance must be billed followed by **PHIP AUTO**. For individuals without private insurance, test strips can be billed directly to **PHIP AUTO**.
- Individuals enrolled in federal drug benefit plan (e.g. Non-Insured Health Benefit Plan, the Canadian Armed Forces, Veterans Affairs Canada, Correction Service Canada or Interim Federal Health Program) will continue to receive coverage from these plans.

What is the cost for medications?

Medications included in the National Pharmacare Program will be available at no cost, except for blood glucose test strips (see below for costing of blood glucose test strips). Some medications in the National Pharmacare Program are approved on a **special authorization** basis only.

What if a medication is not listed on the National Pharmacare list of drugs?

If a medication is *not* included in the National Pharmacare Program list of drugs, it will *not* be eligible for coverage through the National Pharmacare Program.

Diabetes medications and contraceptives that are not included in the National Pharmacare Program drug list but are currently included in the PEI Pharmacare Formulary will continue to be available through PEI Pharmacare drug programs. **For these medications, the payor of last resort legislation still applies.**

Coverage for blood glucose test strips:

As part of the National Pharmacare Program, Islanders taking oral medications for diabetes can now receive coverage for blood glucose test strips.

To qualify for coverage of blood glucose test strips, an eligible person must be enrolled in the PEI Pharmacare [Diabetes Drug Program](#).

Blood glucose test strips need to be billed using **PHIP AUTO**.

Under the current co-pay schedule for the Diabetes Drug Program, you will pay the following:

- \$11.00 per prescription for 100 test strips every 25 days (maximum amounts apply)
 - If a person is taking an oral diabetes medication that has a lower risk of causing hypoglycemia, you can access a maximum of **200 strips annually**.
 - If a person is taking an oral diabetes medication that has a higher risk of causing hypoglycemia (i.e. a sulfonylurea (glyburide, gliclazide, glimepiride) or repaglinide), you can access a maximum of **300 strips annually**.
 - **For blood glucose test strips adjudication, the payor of last resort legislation still applies.**

DIABETES MEDICATIONS:

Active Ingredient	Products (DIN/Name)	Conditions of coverage (Open benefit unless otherwise specified)
Insulin (human)	02466864 Entuzity Kwikpen inj	Special authorization for Entuzity
	00586714 Humulin R 100 U/mL inj	
	01959220 Humulin R inj	
	02024233 Novolin ge Toronto inj	
	02024284 Novolin ge Toronto penfill	
Insulin (pork)	02275872 Hypurin reg insulin pork	Special authorization
Insulin lispro	02469898 Admelog 100 U/mL cartridge	
	02469901 Admelog 100 U/mL inj	
	02469871 Admelog Solostar 100 U/mL inj	
Insulin aspart	02520974 Kirsty 100 U/mL prefilled pen	
	02506564 Trurapi 100 U/mL cartridge inj	
	02506572 Trurapi 100 U/mL prefilled pen	

	02529254 Trurapi 100 U/mL inj	
Insulin glulisine	02294346 Apidra solostar 100 U/mL inj	
	02279479 Apidra 100 U/mL cartridge	
	02279460 Apidra 100 U/mL inj	
Insulin (human)	01959239 Humulin N 100 U/mL cartridge	
	00587737 Humulin N 100 U/mL inj	
	02403447 Humulin N Kwikpen inj	
	02024225 Novolin ge NPH 100 U/mL inj	
	02024268 Novolin ge NPH penfill inj	
Insulin (pork)	02275864 Hypurin NPH pork 100 U/mL inj	Special authorization
Insulin (human) - combination	00795879 Humulin 30/70 inj	
	01959212 Humulin 30/70 inj	
	02024217 Novolin ge 30/70 inj	
	02025248 Novolin ge 30/70 penfill	
	02024314 Novolin ge 40/60 penfill	
	02024322 Novolin ge 50/50 penfill	
Insulin lispro - combination	02240294 Humalog Mix 25 cartridge	
	02403420 Humalog Mix 25 Kwikpen	
Insulin glargine	02444844 Basaglar 100 U/mL inj cartridge	
	02461528 Basaglar 100 U/mL Kwikpen inj	
	02526441 Semglee 100 U/mL pen	
	02441829 Toujeo SoloSTAR 300 U/mL (1.5 mL) pen	Special authorization
	02493373 Toujeo DoubleSTAR 300U/mL (3 mL) pen	Special authorization
Insulin detemir	02271842 Levemir penfill 100 U/mL inj	Special authorization
	02412829 Levemir FlexTouch 100 U/mL pen	Special authorization
Insulin degludec	2467860 Tresiba Penfill 100 U/mL	
	2467879 Tresiba FlexTouch 100 U/mL pen	
	2467887 Tresiba FlexTouch 200 U/mL pen	
Metformin	02438275 auro-metformin 500mg tab	
	02099233 glucophage 500mg tab	Residents would be responsible for paying a portion of the cost for Glucophage.
	02380196 jump-metformin 500mg tab	
	02378620 mar-metformin 500mg tab	
	02353377 san-metformin 500mg tab	
	02378841 mar-metformin 500mg tab	
	02385341 siv-metformin fc 500mg tab	
	02388766 mint-metformin 500mg tab	
	02223562 pms-metformin 500mg tab	

	02520303 pmsc-metformin 500mg tab	
	02531895 prz-metformin 500mg tab	
	02269031 ran-metformin 500mg tab	
	02246820 sandoz-metformin fc 500mg tab	
	02257726 teva-metformin 500mg tab	
	02438283 auro-metformin 850mg tab	
	02162849 glucophage 850mg tab	Residents would be responsible for paying a portion of the cost for Glucophage.
	02380218 jump-metformin 850mg tab	
	02378639 mar-metformin 850mg tab	
	02353385 san-metformin 850mg tab	
	02385368 siv-metformin fc 850mg tab	
	02388774 mint-metformin 850mg tab	
	02242589 pms-metformin 850mg tab	
	02520311 pmsc-metformin 850mg tab	
	02531909 prz-metformin 850mg tab	
	02269058 ran-metformin 850mg tab	
	02246821 sandoz-metformin fc 850mg tab	
	02257734 teva-metformin 850mg tab	
Glyburide	01913654 apo-glyburide 2.5mg tab	
	02350459 san-glyburide 2.5mg tab	
	01913670 teva-glyburide 2.5mg tab	
	01913662 apo-glyburide 5mg tab	
	02350467 san-glyburide 5mg tab	
	01913689 teva-glyburide 5mg tab	
Gliclazide	02297795 apo-gliclazide MR 30mg tab	
	02242987 Diamicon MR 30mg tab	Residents would be responsible for paying a portion of the cost for Diamicon MR.
	02524856 gliclazide MR 30mg tab	
	02429764 jump-gliclazide- MR 30mg tab	
	02423286 mint-gliclazide MR 30mg tab	
	02438658 mylan-gliclazide MR 30mg tab	
	02461323 sandoz-gliclazide MR 30mg tab	
	02463571 taro-gliclazide MR 30mg tab	
	02407124 apo-gliclazide MR 60mg tab	
	02356422 diamicon MR 60mg tab	Residents would be responsible for paying a portion of the cost for Diamicon MR.
	02524864 gliclazide MR 60mg tab	
	02423294 mint-gliclazide MR 60mg tab	

	02461331 sandoz-gliclazide MR 60mg tab	
	02439328 taro-gliclazide MR 60mg tab	
	02245247 apo-gliclazide 80mg tab	
	02287072 gliclazide 80mg tab	
	02238103 teva-gliclazide 80mg tab	
Metformin and Saxagliptin	02389185 Komboglyze 2.5/1000mg tab	
	02389169 Komboglyze 2.5/500mg tab	
	02389177 Komboglyze 2.5/850mg tab	
Metformin and Empagliflozin	02456621 Synjardy 12.5/1000mg tab	
	02456605 Synjardy 12.5/500mg tab	
	02456613 Synjardy 12.5/850mg tab	
	02456591 Synjardy 5/1000mg tab	
	02456575 Synjardy 5/500mg tab	
	02456583 Synjardy 5/850mg tab	
Metformin and Linagliptin	02403277 Jentadueto 2.5/1000mg tab	
	02403250 Jentadueto 2.5/500mg tab	
	02403269 Jentadueto 2.5/850mg tab	
Dapagliflozin	02527197 apo-dapagliflozin 10mg tab	
	02531410 auro-dapagliflozin 10mg tab	
	02519860 gln-dapagliflozin 10mg tab	
	02531372 jump dapagliflozin 10mg tab	
	02535300 m-dapagliflozin 10mg tab	
	02531569 pms-dapagliflozin 10mg tab	
	02518740 sandoz-dapagliflozin 10mg tab	
	02527189 apo-dapagliflozin 5mg tab	
	02531402 auro-dapagliflozin 5mg tab	
	02519852 gln-dapagliflozin 5mg tab	
	02531364 jump dapagliflozin 5mg tab	
	02535297 m-dapagliflozin 5mg tab	
	02531550 pms-dapagliflozin 5mg tab	
	02518732 sandoz-dapagliflozin 5mg tab	
	02435470 Forxiga 10mg tab	Residents would be responsible for paying a portion of the cost for Forxiga.
	02435462 Forxiga 5mg tab	Residents would be responsible for paying a portion of the cost for Forxiga.

CONTRACEPTIVES:

Active Ingredient	Product (DIN/Name)	Conditions of coverage (Open benefit unless otherwise specified)
Levonorgestrel and Ethinylestradiol	2236974 Alesse 21	Residents would be responsible for paying a portion of the cost for Alesse 21.
	2236975 Alesse 28	Residents would be responsible for paying a portion of the cost for Alesse 28.

	2387875 Alysena 21	
	2387883 Alysena 28	
	2532174 Audrina 21	
	2532182 Audrina 28	
	2298538 Aviane 21	
	2298546 Aviane 28	
	2042320 Min-Ovral 21	Residents would be responsible for paying a portion of the cost for Min-Ovral 21.
	2042339 Min-Ovral 28	Residents would be responsible for paying a portion of the cost for Min-Ovral 28.
	2387085 Ovima 21	
	2387093 Ovima 28	
	2295946 Portia 21	
	2295954 Portia 28	
Desogestrel and Ethinylestradiol	2317192 Apri 21	
	2317206 Apri 28	
	2396491 Freya 21	
	2396610 Freya 28	
	2042487 Marvelon 21	Residents would be responsible for paying a portion of the cost for Marvelon 21.
	2042479 Marvelon 28	Residents would be responsible for paying a portion of the cost for Marvelon 28.
	2410249 Mirvala 21	
	2410257 Mirvala 28	
Drospirenone and Ethinylestradiol	2462060 Drospirenone and Ethinyl Estradiol Tablets	
	2421437 Drospirenone and Ethinyl Estradiol Tablets 21	
	2421445 Drospirenone and Ethinyl Estradiol Tablets 28	
	2261723 Yasmin 21	Residents would be responsible for paying a portion of the cost for Yasmin 21.
	2261731 Yasmin 28	Residents would be responsible for paying a portion of the cost for Yasmin 28.
	2410788 Zamine 21	
	2410796 Zamine 28	
Norethisterone and Ethinylestradiol	2187086 Brevicon 0.5/35 (21)	
	2187094 Brevicon 0.5/35 (28)	
	2189054 Brevicon 1/35 (21)	
	2189062 Brevicon 1/35(28)	
Levonorgestrel and Ethinylestradiol	707600 Triquilar 21	
	707503 Triquilar 28	

Norethisterone and Ethinylestradiol	2187108 Synphasic 21	
	2187116 Synphasic 28	
Norgestimate and Ethinylestradiol	2508087 Tri-Cira 21	
	2508095 Tri-Cira 28	
	2486296 Tri-Jordyna 21	
	2486318 Tri-Jordyna 28	
	2401967 Tricira-Lo 21	
	2401975 Tricira-Lo 28	
	2272903 Linessa 21	
	2257238 Linessa 28	
Norethisterone	2441306 Jencycla	
	2410303 Movisse	
Medroxyprogesterone	2523493 Depo-Provera	
Etonogestrel	2499509 Nexplanon	
Levonorgestrel	2433532 Backup Plan One-Step	
	2293854 Plan B	Residents would be responsible for paying a portion of the cost for Plan B.
Plastic IUD with Copper	Flexi-T 300	
	Flexi-T +300	
	Flexi-T 380	
	Liberté UT 380 Short	
	Liberté UT 380 Standard	
	Liberté TT 380 Short	
	Liberté TT 380 Standard	
	Liberté UT 380 Silver-Copper Standard	
	Liberté UT 380 Silver-Copper Short	
	Mona Lisa 10	
	Mona Lisa 5 Mini	
	Mona Lisa 5 Standard	
	Mona Lisa N	
Plastic IUD with Progestogen	2459523 Kyleena	
	2243005 Mirena	
Vaginal ring with Progesterone and Estrogen	2520028 Haloette	
	2253186 Nuvaring	Residents would be responsible for paying a portion of the cost for Nuvaring.