

# Sensor-based Glucose Monitoring Program

## Information Sheet

### Healthcare Provider Sign-off

A healthcare provider (nurse practitioner, physician, or pharmacist) who is qualified to prescribe sensor-based monitoring devices must sign-off. This serves as a professional verification that you meet the clinical criteria for the glucose monitoring product. It ensures that the device is appropriate for your specific health condition and management plan.

### Access Coverage Through Existing Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs

You may access coverage under other Pharmacare Programs (Seniors, Family and Department of Community Services), if you meet the clinical criteria. A healthcare provider will still be required to complete an exception status approval form. In those programs, the usual copayments and deductibles will apply.

### Coverage Options

If you qualify for sensor-based glucose monitoring supplies, you may choose to receive coverage under the Sensor-based Glucose Monitoring Program or one of the Pharmacare Programs, whichever best suits your personal or financial situation.

You may switch programs at any time but deductibles and/or copayments are not transferable between programs.

You may only receive coverage for sensor-based glucose monitoring supplies from one program at a time.

### Comparing Coverage Between Programs

The Sensor-based Glucose Monitoring Program and Pharmacare Programs both provide coverage for the same selection of sensor-based products. Pharmacare Programs may have deductibles, premiums and copayments. The Sensor-based Glucose Monitoring Program has an income-based deductible.

### Sensor-based Glucose Monitoring Program Costs

You are required to pay a deductible that is based on your family size and family income.

Family Income Range (\$)	Annual Patient Deductible
60,000 and under	\$0
60,001 - 80,000	\$500
80,001 - 100,000	\$750
100,001 - 150,000	\$1,000
≥150,001	No Coverage

There are no premiums or copayments under the Sensor-based Glucose Monitoring program. Your deductible can change due to your financial situation and family size. You will be notified of any changes to your deductible during program renewal.

## **Calculating Family Income**

Family income is your household income. Total family income is the sum of line 15000 of the Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment for each adult family member, as verified by Canada Revenue Agency.

Family income is reduced by \$3,000 for each dependent under the age of 18, and if applicable, a second adult (spouse/partner) in the family unit.

## **Benefit Period and Annual Renewal**

Your program coverage automatically renews in February each year. You will receive a confirmation letter from the program. If you don't receive this letter or are unsure about your renewal status, you can contact the program to verify your status.

You must notify the program of any changes to your family's income and family size.

Your initial application includes a consent declaration to allow the program to receive confirmation of your income from the Canada Revenue Agency. This is a continuous consent for income verification and may be withdrawn by you at any time.

You can opt-out of automatic renewal by contacting the program by phone (902) 496-5667, or 1-877-330-0323 (if you live outside the metro Halifax area).

## **Change in Financial Situation**

If your income moves into a different range, your deductible amounts could change. If your family income exceeds \$150,000 you will no longer be eligible for coverage. The adjustment takes effect at the time of renewal and becomes effective April 1 of that year.

## **Educational Resources**

Resources and support about your sensor or how to use a sensor-based glucose monitoring product is available from your manufacturer and healthcare professional.

## **Privacy Concerns: Protecting Your Personal Health Data**

Your data is used to manage your participation in the program, including eligibility and income verification. This data can be shared with healthcare professionals or family to help you manage your diabetes. Data usage adheres to strict privacy laws to protect your information.