

Insulin Pump Program **JDRF** IMPROVING LIVES. CURING TYPE 1 DIABETES.

After intense advocacy and campaigning by JDRF the Federal Government's Insulin Pump Program (IPP) was established in 2008. The IPP provides insulin pumps to families who have a lower income and have children under 18 years of age with type 1 diabetes (T1D). This life changing technology would otherwise be out of reach for these children.

Since its inception the IPP has provided over 2000 insulin pumps to children with T1D. JDRF has continued to advocate to expand the program based on the unmet demand from families. In the 2018-19 Budget, the government provided additional funding to the Insulin Pump Program, allowing approximately 220 children to access fully subsidised insulin pumps each year.

What has the IPP achieved?

**2000+
pumps**

**450,000 needles
avoided annually**

The details

JDRF are the administrators of the Federal Government Insulin Pump Program. Here's what you need to know.

Approximately 220 pumps are fully subsidised under the program per year.



Medtronic MiniMed 640G and 770G pumps are available.

Medtronic

Pumps are given with approximately three months' initial supply of pump consumables.



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Eligibility

To be eligible to lodge an expression of interest for an insulin pump under the program, families must meet the following criteria:

- child is under the age of 18 years
- families must be below an income threshold set by the Federal Government (currently \$109,610)
- do not have access to an insulin pump through private health insurance
- an Australian or New Zealand citizen
- eligible to access Medicare benefits.

Permanent residents or those that have applied to become permanent residents may also be eligible - get in touch with the JDRF team to find out more.

JDRF is unable to guarantee that families who have expressed an interest will receive an insulin pump under the program. Families are also required to discuss the suitability of insulin pump therapy with their child's healthcare team.

“When I got the call from JDRF to say that Lily had been successful and was now a recipient of a JDRF Insulin Pump, it was like winning the lottery. We’ve only had the insulin pump for two weeks now, but the difference it has made to Lily’s quality of life is magical. She is a much happier little girl who isn’t afraid of mealtimes and the injections that come with eating. I am so thankful for the support of JDRF and the Federal Government.”

- Chelsea, South Australia

Contact us

If your patient would like to apply for the JDRF Insulin Pump Program, they can visit pumps.jdrf.org.au or scan the QR code.

Email us at pumps@jdrf.org.au with any questions. Alternatively, you can call Melanie on (02) 8364 0230 or Laura on (02) 8364 0204 to find out more.

To submit an expression of interest, visit pumps.jdrf.org.au.



Insulin Pump Program - FAQs

Q. WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A FULLY SUBSIDISED INSULIN PUMP?

A. To be eligible to receive an insulin pump under the program, an applicant must not be in receipt of, or be eligible to receive, any other means of reimbursement, including reimbursement via private health insurance, which may be used to assist the applicant to purchase an insulin pump. The child (recipient) on whose behalf the application is made must be under 18 years of age on the date of application, and must hold or be listed on a current Medicare card. Before an applicant can be approved to receive a subsidy, the following criteria must be met.

Income eligibility

The applicant's combined annual family income must be less than or equal to an income threshold set by the government (currently \$109,610). This amount is subject to annual changes made by Centrelink.

Applicants with an annual family income threshold of more than \$109,610 are not eligible to receive the subsidy unless they are caring for more than one child with T1D. In this circumstance, the applicant will not be eligible for a subsidy for the first child but will be eligible to receive a subsidy for subsequent children with T1D.

Once income eligibility is assessed, JDRF Australia will progress the application and request the child's Healthcare Professional to confirm clinical eligibility.

Clinical eligibility

As part of the application process, your healthcare team (diabetes educator and paediatrician/endocrinologist) will be required to confirm that you meet the following clinical eligibility criteria:

- the child has T1D
- the child will benefit from a transition to, or continued insulin pump therapy
- the child/carer has demonstrated willingness to check blood glucose levels four or more times per day
- the child/carer has demonstrated competence at injecting insulin using pens/syringes
- the insulin pump initiation will be conducted by a multidisciplinary team
- the initiating team makes a commitment to the transition and a system to ensure follow-up and ongoing support.

Q. MY PATIENT HAS PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE. ARE THEY ABLE TO GET AN INSULIN PUMP SUBSIDY?

A. Your patient will not be eligible to receive an insulin pump under this program if they have access to other means of reimbursement, such as private health insurance.

Australians with private health insurance covering insulin pumps will generally be eligible for full reimbursement of their pump by their health fund, following the relevant waiting period attached to their cover. If your patient has private health insurance, they can contact their insurer for more information about how to receive funding through private health insurance.

Q. WHICH INSULIN PUMPS ARE AVAILABLE UNDER THE INSULIN PUMP SUBSIDY?

A. The following pumps are available under the Insulin Pump Program:

- Medtronic MiniMed 640G
- Medtronic MiniMed 770G

These pumps will be supplied with approximately three months' initial supply of pump consumables.

Q. ARE THE PUMPS AVAILABLE UNDER THE PROGRAM WATERPROOF?

The Medtronic pumps provide waterproof protection up to 3.6m for up to 24 hours.

We recommend that you check with the respective pump manufacturer for more information and clarification.

Q. ARE PUMPS AVAILABLE COMPATIBLE WITH CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITORING (CGM) DEVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NDSS?

A. There are a range of CGM devices available through the NDSS. Pump recipients who wish to use CGM technology have the option to select a CGM device that works with their pump or, where a compatible device is not available, they are able to select a CGM device that works independently of an insulin pump.

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Q. DOES MY PATIENT NEED TO DO ANYTHING EXTRA TO ACCESS INSULIN PUMP CONSUMABLES?

A. The National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) provides access to a large range of subsidised products to help people with diabetes manage their condition. These products include subsidised insulin pump consumables for approved persons.

Healthcare Teams can complete the NDSS Registration Form and/or Insulin Pump Consumables Assessment Form as appropriate. Once your patient has registered with the NDSS, they will be able to purchase subsidised products through the NDSS. For more information, please contact the NDSS on 1300 136 588. Alternatively, email ndss@diabetesaustralia.com.au or visit the NDSS website.

Q. HOW WILL MY PATIENT KNOW IF THEIR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL?

A. If your patient's application has been assessed as eligible for subsidy and funding for the program has been exhausted, their application will be put on a waiting list for eligible applicants and they will be informed about the status of their application by JDRF Australia.

Q. WHAT HAPPENS IF FUNDING IS EXHAUSTED WHILE MY PATIENT'S APPLICATION IS BEING PROCESSED?

A. If your patient's application has been assessed as eligible for subsidy and the funding for the Program has been exhausted, their application will be put on a waiting list for eligible applicants and they will be informed about the status of their application by JDRF Australia.

Q. WILL MY PATIENT RECEIVE THE SUBSIDY PAYMENT DIRECTLY?

A. Program recipients will be receiving their pumps fully subsidised by the program. No payments will be made to the applicants or the recipients.

Q. CAN MY PATIENT 'OPT OUT' OF THE PROCESS ONCE THEY START?

A. Your patient can opt out of the process at any time by contacting JDRF.

Q. MY PATIENT HAS MORE THAN ONE CHILD WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES. HOW WILL THIS AFFECT THEM?

A. Applicants with a combined family income under the income threshold will be eligible to receive a fully subsidised insulin pump for each of their children living with type 1 diabetes.

Applicants with a family income over the income threshold are not eligible to receive an insulin pump through the Insulin Pump Program unless they are caring for more than one child with type 1 diabetes. In this circumstance, the applicant will not be eligible to receive an insulin pump for the first child but will be eligible to receive a fully subsidised insulin pump for any subsequent children with type 1 diabetes.

Q. CAN MY PATIENT APPLY FOR A REPLACEMENT PUMP?

A. Subject to continuing to meet the Program criteria, previous recipients can apply for a new pump subsidy under the following circumstances:

- the manufacturer's warranty (generally 4 years) on the insulin pump has expired
- recipients who received their insulin pumps under the program between their 14th and 15th birthday (inclusive) can lodge an application for a new pump prior to the expiry of their pump warranty. These recipients can apply for a new pump between three (3) months prior to their 18th birthday and one (1) day prior to their 18th birthday. Subject to meeting the eligibility criteria, the place of their application in the waiting list and the availability of funds, these recipients will be eligible to receive a replacement pump when the warranty of their existing pump expires.