# MED D - Coverage of Diabetic Supplies

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**Description:** Per Medicare regulations, diabetic supplies can be covered either by Medicare **PART B** orMedicare **Part D.**

When assisting the beneficiary with questions regarding his/her diabetic supplies, the MED D Customer Care Representative (CCR) will need to first determine if the supplies are covered by Medicare **Part D** or Medicare **Part B**.

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| Diabetic Supplies Covered by MEDICARE PART D |

The following diabetic supplies associated with the administration of insulin are covered for people with **Medicare Part D** who have diabetes:

* Syringes
* Needles
* Alcohol Swabs
* Gauze
* Inhaled insulin devices
* Insulin – Injectable insulin **NOT** associated with the use of an insulin **infusion** pump that is considered a piece of Durable Medical Equipment (DME). Please note - there are **insulin pumps** on the market today which are **NOT** defined as Durable Medical Equipment.
  + One example is a **disposable** **or tubeless insulin pump** called Omnipod. This product is **NOT** considered Durable Medical Equipment. Omnipod sticks to a person’s skin and insulin is delivered via a small needle stuck through the skin. This product has to be replaced every 72 hours by the user.
  + Insulin delivered using a **non-DME** **tubeless insulin pump** **is covered** under Medicare **Part D**.
* Drugs used to treat diabetes are covered under Medicare Part D.

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| Diabetic Supplies NOT Covered by MEDICARE PART D |

The following supplies are **NOT** covered by Medicare Part D (but may be covered under a beneficiary’s Medicare Part B benefit):

Blood glucose self-testing equipment and supplies

* Blood glucose monitors
* Some Continuous Blood Glucose monitors / infusion pumps including all supplies and accessories
  + This includes the insulin that is used with the infusion pump.
  + Remember – tubeless insulin pumps are covered under Medicare **Part D**.
* Blood glucose test strips
* Lancet devices and lancets
* Glucose control solutions for checking the accuracy of testing equipment and test strips

**Note:** The above items may be covered by Medicare Part B.

* Some plans do not have an allowance for Medicare Part B drugs/items. Check the CIF.
* Refer to the CIF for each plan’s details.
* For more information, refer to the [Medicare Part B Call Handling Work Instruction](CMS-PCP1-041474).

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**Parent SOP:** CALL-0048: [Medicare Part D Customer Care Call Center Requirements-CVS Caremark Part D Services, L.L.C.](https://policy.corp.cvscaremark.com/pnp/faces/SecureDocRenderer?documentId=CALL-0048&uid=pnpdev1)

**Abbreviations/Definitions:** [Abbreviations / Definitions](CMS-2-017428)

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