

# 3 Things to Know About Medicare Insulin Costs

## 1. You'll pay no more than \$35 for a one-month supply of insulin and you won't pay a deductible for your insulin if:

- You use insulin with an insulin pump that's covered as durable medical equipment under Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance). If you have Part B and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) that pays your Part B coinsurance, your Medigap policy should cover the cost (\$35 or less) for your insulin.
- You get your insulin covered under a Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C).
- You get your insulin covered under Medicare drug coverage (Part D). If you get Extra Help (a Medicare program that helps people with limited income and resources pay Part D costs), you'll pay less than \$35.

**Example:** If you get a three-month supply of covered insulin, you'll pay:  
\$35 or less for a month's supply of covered insulin x 3 months = \$105 or less

## 2. If you have a Part D plan, it may cover insulin that's:

- Injectable (insulin you inject with a pen or a needle)
- Inhaled
- Used with pumps that aren't covered as durable medical equipment under Part B, like disposable pumps that are changed after 2-3 days (also called patch pumps) and certain reusable pumps that use disposable insulin cartridges

**Note:** Some pumps (like patch pumps) might cost more than \$35 because they aren't an insulin product covered under the \$35 limit.

## 3. If you have a Part D plan, it may also cover insulin-related supplies.

Part D plans may cover certain medical supplies used for insulin injections (like syringes, needles, gauze, and alcohol swabs). Part B doesn't cover insulin-related supplies and you'll pay all costs for these supplies, unless you have Part D.

Visit [Medicare.gov/coverage/insulin](https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/insulin) to learn more. You can also call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.



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