



## **Patients with Diabetes are at high risk for severe illness due to COVID-19**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>

## **Largest Study to Date Links Glucose Control to COVID-19 Outcomes**

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1550413120302382?via%3Dihub>

If your patients are experiencing difficulty affording their diabetes medication due to job loss, termination of health care benefits, COBRA extension due to the pandemic, or any other reason please have them contact the Patient Assistance Program for their product. Patients may be eligible for free insulin and other diabetes medications.

### **Patient Assistance Programs**

#### **Lilly**

Lilly Cares provides free Lilly medications for patients who meet program eligibility requirements such as having no health insurance, Medicare Part D, or in some circumstances, insurance that does not cover the Lilly medication. Patients may apply online at <http://www.lillycareseservice.com> or may request a Lilly Cares application by calling 1-800-545-6962, Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm EST.

- Application required
  - Due to the COVID-19 crisis, if patient's proof-of-income document does not reflect recent change of income, a brief letter with the application may be submitted to explain the situation
  - Applications should only be submitted using the Lilly online submission process or via fax using the fax number located on the bottom of the application form. Applications should not be sent through the mail
  
- Patients
  - Will receive a notification letter of enrollment or denial
  - Qualified patients will be enrolled for 12-months or through the end of the calendar year if they have Medicare Part D
  - Will be contacted regarding medication shipment. Up to a 4-month supply is available in each shipment, unless a lesser amount is prescribed.
  
- Providers
  - Will receive a notification letter of patient enrollment or denial
  - Will be contacted for a medication order if patient qualifies for Lilly Cares. Medication orders may be written for up to 1-year
  
- Medication
  - Shipment may go directly to patient's home or to the provider's office



## **Novo Nordisk**

Patients having an affordability challenge or an immediate need for insulin, should go to [NovoCare.com](http://NovoCare.com) or call Novo Nordisk 1-844-668-6463, Mon-Fri, 8:30am-11:00pm, Sat, 11am-7:00pm EST.

### **COVID-19 Program**

- Documentation required
  - Completed Patient Assistance Program (PAP) application
    - Part One- Completed by Patient
    - Part Two- Completed by Provider
    - Provider faxes completed application to Novo Nordisk
  - Documentation showing loss of healthcare benefits (job termination notice, job status change, proof of COBRA benefits being offered)
  - No proof of income required
- If approved, patients will receive a free 90-day supply of insulin. Novo Nordisk will check back (before the 90-day enrollment ends) to determine continued eligibility. Assistance can be extended to the end of 2020 for otherwise eligible patients who have been denied Medicaid coverage
- Medication will be sent directly to the provider's office

## **Sanofi**

Although Sanofi has no COVID-19 specific program, patients can apply to receive medication at no charge at [sanofipatientconnection.com](http://sanofipatientconnection.com) through Patient Assistance Connection or by calling [1-888-847-4877](tel:1-888-847-4877), Mon-Fri, 9am-8pm EST.

- Application required
  - Patient fills out page 2 and 3
  - Provider fills out page 4 including the prescription section then faxes the application back to Sanofi
- Soft credit check determines patient's annual household income
- Medication for qualified patients will be sent directly to the provider's office
  - Medicare Part D patients will receive medication at no charge until the end of the year
  - Uninsured patients or those who do not have access to their prescribed product through their insurance will receive medication at no charge for 1-year

**If you need assistance finding an affordable solution for any of your patients, please reach out to your Optimum Physician Alliance Clinical Pharmacist. We are here to help.**

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