

About the Minnesota Insulin Safety Net Program

In 2020, the Minnesota Legislature passed the [Alec Smith Insulin Affordability Act](#), which Governor Tim Walz signed into law on April 15, 2020. The Act creates an Insulin Safety Net Program that will aid individuals who cannot afford insulin. The program is made up of two parts: 1) the urgent need program, and 2) the continuing need program.

The urgent need program is for those individuals who have less than a 7-day supply of insulin and will likely have significant health consequences if their insulin runs out. This program allows eligible individuals to get a one-time, 30-day supply of insulin from their pharmacy, for a \$35 co-pay.

Minnesotans in **urgent need** of a 30-day supply of affordable insulin should go to [MNinsulin.org](https://mninsulin.org) where you can see if you qualify, download the application, and learn how to apply.

The continuing need program requires insulin manufacturers to provide insulin to eligible individuals for up to one year, with the option to renew annually. Manufacturers will provide the prescribed insulin for a co-pay of no more than \$50 for each 90-day supply throughout the year for an individual that is determined to be eligible. Some individuals with insurance may be referred to a manufacturer's co-pay program, which waives all or part of the co-pay that the patient normally must pay, if the co-pay program provides a better value.

Minnesotans can find information about the program, including how to receive up to a 90-day, continuing need supply of insulin here: [Minnesota Insulin Safety Net Program: Continuing Need Program](#). A list of MNSure-certified Navigators who can assist in applying for the continuing need program is available here: [Navigator Insulin Assistance Directory](#). You can also search for a MNSure-certified Navigator on [MNinsulin.org](https://mninsulin.org).

Contact information for insulin manufacturers:

- Lilly Minnesota Patient Assistance Program: **Call 855-447-8412** or visit [their website for more information](#).
- Novo Nordisk: **Call 1-866-310-7549** or visit [their website for more information](#).
- Sanofi Minnesota Continuing Safety Net Program: **Call 1-866-489-5957** or visit [their website for more information](#).

For more information, visit the [Board of Pharmacy Minnesota Insulin Safety Net Program](#) webpage

The Board of Pharmacy has created a web page of resources to help residents purchase more types of prescription drugs at a lower cost. Further information can be found here: [Minnesota Board of Pharmacy: Saving on Prescription Drugs](#).

MS 214.122 requires the Board of Nursing, to inform licensees who are authorized to prescribe prescription drugs of the availability of the Board of Pharmacy's webpage that contains information on resources and programs to assist patients with the cost of prescription drugs.