**Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB):**

**General Information:**

NIHB permits pharmacy to fill 100 days supply. NIHB bases the refilling of prescriptions based on days supply. Patients are required to be ~80% completed their prescription before pharmacy can bill online or the claim will be rejected. Patients cannot ‘top-up’ on prescription refills. NIHB imposes limits on the quantities of diabetic test strips than can be filled in a 100 day or 365 day period depending on the medical treatment. Those on insulin are permitted 5 boxes (500) strips/ 100 days. Those managing diabetes with diabetes medication with a high risk of causing low blood sugar will be allowed 400 test strips per 365 days. A client can test once daily. Those managing diabetes with diabetes medication with a low risk of causing low blood sugar will be allowed 200 test strips per 365 days; they can test three to four times per week. Those managing diabetes with diet/lifestyle therapy only (no insulin or diabetes medications) will be allowed 200 test strips per 365 days & can test three to four times per week.

A link to coverage listings:

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/nihb-ssna/provide-fournir/pharma-prod/med-list/index-eng.php>

