

Dear Sir/Madam

My son was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in September 2010. We have no history of diabetes in both my family and my husbands family, so this was a complete shock to us.

We started having to give him 4 injections a day. Something very hard for an active 11 year old boy to do. We had thought of getting an insulin pump but due to the cost believed this was way out of our reach for him. This was heart breaking as we knew this would give him a new lease on life. To enable him to be independant once again.

In June 2012, we discovered that there was an Insulin Pump Program that would enable us to obtain a subsidy to provide him with this life changing pump. In July 2012, we went through the process of obtain this subsidy, and what a change in his life it has been.

He has become more independant, able to go out with his mates, to be able spend the night away from home, it has eased up my load as a mother of a child with Type 1 diabetes on daily injections. His diabetes is more under control than it ever was. His insulin levels are kept more stable and his blood sugar levels are easier to look after.

I am now able to let him go out with his friends, stay over night, not have to hold him down to give him his 4 injections a day when he refuses to have them, even at meal time now I don't have to put serving it up on hold while I go and do his injections. No having to stop on the side of the road when we are buying McDonalds at the drive thru to do an injection. No more having to put up with people staring at him, while we help him with his injections when out in public (especially at a food court). We don't have to carry insulin with us when we go out now, (and trying to keep that cool on a hot summers day was terrible). No more having to make sure we have his needles with us too makes my life easier also.

He has become more open about his diabetes, and it doesn't bother him as it did when he was constantly having to do injections.

This subsidy has certainly changed not only my sons life but my handling of his diabetes too. I would like to say a big thank you to the people who made this subsidy available. It is money that has certainly changed our families lives.

If you have any more questions, queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

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