

To whom it may concern,

I was lucky enough to be part of the pump program 3 years ago for my son \*\*\*\*\*. \*\*\*\*\* was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at the age of 22 months and was on a regular daily insulin regime for a period of three years before commencing pump therapy. When \*\*\*\*\* was on daily insulin injections it was extremely hard to stabilise his blood glucose levels, and it was also a hard task to follow a regimented schedule of eating foods on a regular basis, causing an impact on not only his quality of life but also mine as a parent.

I am very thankful that I was eligible for the government subsidy for the pump, because without the subsidy my circumstances would not allow me to purchase a pump as I am not in the financial position to do so, with out pump therapy for my son it would be so much harder for us to cope with the day to day life of being on insulin injections as his Blood Glucose levels have stabilised since being on the pump and he is not governed by a daily routine of eating every two hours or at set times of the day, I can not put into words how grateful I am to be able to see my son live a normal life since transitioning to pump therapy. \*\*\*\*\*'s HBA1C levels have also dramatically reduced from 9 to an average of 7.4 meaning his long term health will also be better thanks to pump therapy

Being able to have access to government support to be able to purchase a pump is extremely important for people who are at a financial disadvantage as our children's quality of life is very important, I could not go back to insulin injections after having my son on pump therapy for three years now and seeing the many advantages it has offered us, so I dread the thought of not being able to have any financial assistance to be able to keep my son on pump therapy. Another advantage of the pump is that it also helps the school to be able to look after him, as \*\*\*\*\* is able to stay in class with his peers without being singled out or sent to the office to do regular injections, and the pump is simple for the teachers to be able to use on a daily basis.

It would be a disappointment to both type1 diabetic children and their families alike if the government program were to cease, as many children have been given the gift of a normal live as possible on insulin pump therapy

Thank you for your support in this matter, should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me

Regards

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