

## BC Kidney Care Clinics & BC Post-Kidney Transplant Clinics: Financial Support for Patients who Require a Home BP Monitor

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### Scope

This process applies to **patients of BC's Kidney Care Clinics (KCCs) and BC's Post-Kidney Transplant Clinics only**. It is the extension (with adjustments) of a one-year pilot initiative which ran from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. This second phase will run from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. At that time, the initiative will be evaluated, and next steps identified.

Adjustments made between phase one and two of this pilot initiative include:

- Income eligibility criteria have been eliminated. BP monitor purchase support is available to all patients of BC's KCCs.
- Patients of BC's Post-Kidney-Transplant Clinics are eligible for the project, in addition to KCC patients.

Patients on dialysis who require financial assistance to purchase a home BP monitor will continue to use existing mechanisms (via Renal Social Worker) and income thresholds. Patients under the care of a nephrologist but not attached to a KCC or Post-Transplant Clinic would need to be referred to one of those clinics to be eligible for this project.

### Process

1. Kidney Care Clinic (KCC) or Post-Kidney Transplant Clinic licensed health care professional completes a "grant application" on behalf of the patient. Applications can be found at: <https://kidney.ca/Support/Programs-Services/BCYT/Programs/Pilot-Initiatives#>
2. KCC/Post-Kidney Transplant Clinic health care professional asks patient re preferred pharmacy from the list of BC Renal contracted community pharmacies at [www.bcrenal.ca/resource-gallery/Documents/Community%20Pharmacy%20List.pdf](http://www.bcrenal.ca/resource-gallery/Documents/Community%20Pharmacy%20List.pdf). Both KCC and Post-Kidney Transplant patients are asked to select from the list of pharmacies contracted by BC Renal at [www.bcrenal.ca/resource-gallery/Documents/Community%20Pharmacy%20List.pdf](http://www.bcrenal.ca/resource-gallery/Documents/Community%20Pharmacy%20List.pdf).
3. KCC/Post-Kidney Transplant Clinic health care professional sends a copy of the completed application (fax or encrypted e mail) to the (1) pharmacy of patient's choice – **page 1 only**; and (2) Kidney Foundation of Canada (KFOC), BC and Yukon Branch (**pages 1 and 2 - FYI only**).
4. KCC/Post-Kidney Transplant Clinic health care professional provides patient with a copy of **page 1** of the form and asks the patient to contact the pharmacy if they have not received a call within one week.
5. The Pharmacy and patient connect to arrange pick-up (preferred) of the home BP monitor.

6. BC Renal contracted pharmacies invoice KFOC every 3 months for home BP monitors dispensed (Mar 31, Jun 30, Sept 30, Dec 31). Invoice to include the names of all patients provided with monitors, as well as the cost of the monitor and delivery (if unable to pick-up). Please include patients of BC's KCCs and Post-Kidney Transplant Clinics on the same invoice (no need to differentiate between the two groups of patients). A standardized invoice is available from the KFOC at <https://kidney.ca/Support/Programs-Services/BCYT/Programs/Pilot-Initiatives#>. Pharmacies are requested to send in invoices within 30 days of the period end.
7. KFOC will arrange payment of the invoices to the BC Renal contracted pharmacies (Mar 31, Jun 30, Sept 30, Dec 31).