

Tasmanians diagnosed with diabetes may be missing out on subsidised consumables available through the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS)

Diabetes TASMANIA is recommending that all Tasmanians diagnosed with type 1 or type 2 diabetes ensure that they are registered with the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS). The NDSS makes available subsidised consumables required by people living with diabetes. Registration is free of charge for all people diagnosed with either type 1 or type 2 diabetes.

Caroline Wells, CEO of Diabetes TASMANIA, says that it appears that there are still many Tasmanians who have not been registered with the NDSS. "The Scheme is there to assist people living with type 1 or type 2 diabetes. The consumables required by people living with diabetes include blood testing strips, syringes and needles and urine testing materials, the cost of which, without the NDSS subsidy, can be very expensive" Ms Wells said.

"Of concern to us is the fact that some people may not be blood testing because they are not registered with the NDSS and are unable to afford to purchase these items" Ms Wells said. "All of the consumables available through the NDSS are now subsidised to all registrants" Ms Wells added.

Registration with the NDSS is free and is performed by the person's GP. For more information on the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) please contact Diabetes TASMANIA on 1300 136 588.

Diabetes TASMANIA is the state administrator for the delivery of the NDSS.

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