



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

July 2024

### **Scope**

This process applies to **patients of BC's Kidney Care Clinics (KCCs) and BC's Post-Kidney Transplant Clinics only**. This pilot initiative started in July 2021 and is extended until June 30, 2025. At that time, the initiative will be evaluated, and next steps identified.

Eligibility will continue to be the same.

- There are no **Income eligibility criteria**.
- BP monitor purchase support is available to all patients of BC's KCCs and Patients of BC's Post-Kidney-Transplant Clinics

Not eligible, patients **on dialysis**:

**Home** (PD or HHD) should be provided with a blood pressure machine when starting dialysis, check in with the home dialysis nurse if a patient is in need.

**Incenter** dialysis patients are monitored closely multiple times a week at treatment, if they are being requested to monitor even more at home & need financial assistance to purchase a home BP monitor use existing mechanisms (via Renal Social Worker) and income thresholds through the STFA program.

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: [Blood Pressure Monitor Program](#)
2. KCC/Post-Kidney Transplant Clinic health care professional asks patient preferred pharmacy from the list of BC Renal contracted community pharmacies at [Community Pharmacy List.pdf \(bcrenal.ca\)](#)
3. KCC/Post-Kidney Transplant Clinic health care professional sends a copy of the completed application (fax or encrypted e mail) to the **pharmacy of patient's choice – both pages. Please note the application does NOT need to be sent to the Kidney Foundation.**



4. KCC/Post-Kidney Transplant Clinic health care professional provides patient with a copy 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 [Blood Pressure monitor Invoice](#). Pharmacies are requested to send in invoices within 30 days of the period end. Please only invoice monitors once they have been picked up or delivered. **When submitting invoices to the Kidney Foundation, please include all applications.**
7. KFOC will arrange payment to the BC Renal contracted pharmacies upon receipt of invoices.

If question please contact Kidney Foundation, BC & Yukon [bcyprograms@kidney.ca](mailto:bcyprograms@kidney.ca) or 604-558-6879