

# 2024–25 Budget Submission

Since 2016, the ACT Health Directorate has provided funding to Diabetes Australia (previously Diabetes NSW & ACT) to deliver information, education, referral, and needle provision services to people with diabetes and those at risk of diabetes, along with diabetes awareness to the general population.

The current agreement expires in June 2024.

Diabetes Australia recommends the 2024–25 ACT Budget provide a five-year extension to our current agreement to support people in the ACT with diabetes and those at risk of diabetes.

## Diabetes in ACT

### Impact on people



**2,320**

with type 1 diabetes



**16,800**

with type 2 diabetes



**1,070**

with gestational  
diabetes



**12,350**

with diabetes  
aged 60+

### Impact on health



**60**

amputations in ACT  
per annum



**1,547**

are living with  
diabetes-related  
vision loss



**13,431**

are living with  
diabetes and heart  
disease



**3,867**

are living with  
diabetes and kidney  
disease

### Impact on communities



**10,175**

will experience a  
mental health  
challenge per annum



**8,140**

living with silent,  
undiagnosed type 2  
diabetes



**2,239**

hospitalisations  
resulting from  
diabetes per annum



**\$46M**

cost of  
diabetes in  
ACT per annum

## Our ACT services

On behalf of the Australian Government, Diabetes Australia administers the National Diabetes Service Scheme (**NDSS**) to strengthen the quality, availability, and affordability of diabetes supplies to ensure that people continue to have timely and reliable access to the supplies and services they need to manage their diabetes effectively.

State and Territory governments have agreed to cover the co-payments for sharps purchased through the NDSS. The ACT Government provides Diabetes Australia with funding to administer the gap payment for pen needles and syringes, which allows for pen needles and syringes to be provided to people living with diabetes, free of charge.

With the funding received from the ACT Health Directorate, Diabetes Australia also provides diabetes information and services to promote early detection of diabetes and contribute to the prevention of type 2 diabetes.

Diabetes Australia provides the Territory with data on the status of diabetes prevalence and incidence in the ACT, and report on emerging trends in diabetes care and management.

In 2023–24, \$300,069 was provided to Diabetes Australia to deliver these services in the ACT.

## Outcomes

Together, our activities in the ACT contribute to the following agreed outcomes:

- A coordinated approach to evidence-based and best-practice primary, secondary and tertiary sector diabetes services in the ACT.
- Diabetes policy development and service delivery in the ACT is supported and informed by data, emerging trends and research.
- People in the ACT with diabetes and those at risk of diabetes receive quality information and timely referrals, and there is increased awareness about diabetes in the wider community.

With the current agreement ending in June 2024, Diabetes Australia encourages the ACT Government to extend the agreement (including indexation). Diabetes Australia also encourages the ACT Government to allow Diabetes Australia to recognise 10% of the funds received for administration of the contract, to enable Diabetes Australia to continue providing this valued service to in the ACT.