



# #COVERAGE2CONTROL

## Artificial Pancreas Coverage Matters

*Tell insurance companies: Cover life-saving devices for people with type 1 diabetes*

To stay healthy, people with diabetes need insurance coverage that allows them to control their disease. Through its [#Coverage2Control](#) campaign, JDRF is urging insurance companies to **cover the advanced technologies that people need to control diabetes**, like artificial pancreas (AP) systems. The development of AP systems represents a life-changing breakthrough that is quickly improving the lives of people with type 1 diabetes (T1D).

### The Importance of AP Technology

AP systems monitor blood-sugar levels and automatically provide the right amount of insulin — a revolutionary technology advancement that dramatically reduces T1D-related risks, and gives people with T1D more control over their disease than ever before.

Over the past decade, JDRF has championed the development of life-saving AP technology through direct funding and collaboration with academic, research, government and industry partners. This includes insurers. The first AP system recently came to market, and already, many next-generation AP systems are in development, which will help people better control their T1D.

### Why AP Coverage Matters

While the development of new technology is a great first step, it's only meaningful if people can access those technologies. Some insurers have said they will not cover the artificial pancreas, or only cover certain types.

When devices are not covered by insurance, many people cannot afford these technologies because they come with high out-of-pocket costs. People with T1D deserve access to all life-saving technologies, including all hybrid closed-loop AP systems.

**"Our family was lucky enough to take part in an artificial pancreas trial, and it changed our lives. For such a technological advancement to not be covered by insurance would be a travesty."**

— Angie Platt, Mother of teenage son with T1D

AP systems are on the road to becoming the most revolutionary advance in diabetes care since the discovery of insulin. As AP technology advances, these systems will become better and better at predicting blood-sugar changes and providing tightly controlled insulin dosing that virtually eliminates life-threatening hypoglycemic and hyperglycemic episodes.

### How You Can Help!

1. [Sign our petition](#) and send a message urging insurance companies to cover artificial pancreas systems. Then, share the petition with others!
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3. [Visit Coverage2Control.com](#) to learn more about JDRF's campaign and why artificial pancreas coverage matters.