

## **EXPANDED EXEMPTIONS FOR DIABETIC SUPPLIES**

The 2006 Budget announced that effective April 1, 2006 the retail sales tax exemption for diabetic supplies will be expanded to include lancets, lancing devices, and blood glucose monitors and meters purchased by diabetics for their own use.

Vendors of these diabetic supplies should adjust their systems to allow the exemption at point of sale, effective April 1, 2006.

### **Exempt Diabetic Supplies**

Diabetic supplies may be purchased by a diabetic for their own use exempt from retail sales tax without a prescription. Diabetic supplies include the following items:

- Hypodermic needles and syringes
- Insulin
- Test strips
- Insulin infusion pumps
- Lancets
- Lancing devices
- Blood glucose monitors and meters

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