SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 318

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 16-41-19-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.73-2005, SECTION 169, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), all costs that are incurred in furnishing biologicals under this chapter, IC 12-20-16-2(c)(13), or IC 12-20-16-14 shall be paid by:

(1) the appropriate county, city, or town against which the application form is issued from general funds; and
(2) the appropriate township against which the application form is issued from funds in the township assistance fund; not otherwise appropriated without appropriations.

(b) A township is not responsible for paying for biologicals as provided in subsection (a)(2) if the township trustee has evidence that the individual has the financial ability to pay for the biologicals.

(c) After being When a township trustee is presented with a legal claim for insulin being furnished to the same an individual, a second time; a the township trustee may require the individual to complete and file a standard application for township assistance in order to investigate the financial condition of the individual claiming to be indigent. The trustee shall immediately notify the individual's physician that:
(1) the financial ability of the individual claiming to be indigent is in question; and
(2) a standard application for township assistance must be filed with the township.

The township shall continue to furnish insulin under this section until the township trustee completes an investigation and makes a determination as to the individual's financial ability to pay for insulin.

(d) For purposes of this section, the township shall consider an adult individual needing insulin as an individual and not as a member of a household requesting township assistance.
President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: ________________  Time: ________________

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