

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 979

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to health insurance; amending 36 O.S.
8 2011, Section 6060.2, which relates to treatment of
9 diabetes; requiring health insurers to cap copayments
10 for insulin and supplies at certain cost; authorizing
11 insurers to reduce copayments beyond cap; requiring
Insurance Commissioner to enforce cap on copayments;
12 requiring Commissioner to promulgate rules; updating
13 statutory reference; and providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2011, Section 6060.2, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 6060.2. A. 1. Every health benefit plan issued or
18 renewed on or after November 1, 1996, shall, subject to the terms of
19 the policy contract or agreement, include coverage for the following
20 equipment, supplies and related services for the treatment of Type
21 I, Type II~~7~~ and gestational diabetes, when medically necessary and
22 when recommended or prescribed by a physician or other licensed
23 health care provider legally authorized to prescribe under the laws
24 of this state:

- a. blood glucose monitors,
- b. blood glucose monitors to the legally blind,
- c. test strips for glucose monitors,
- d. visual reading and urine testing strips,
- e. insulin,
- f. injection aids,
- g. cartridges for the legally blind,
- h. syringes,
- i. insulin pumps and appurtenances thereto,
- j. insulin infusion devices,
- k. oral agents for controlling blood sugar, and
- l. podiatric appliances for prevention of complications associated with diabetes.

2. The State Board of Health shall develop and annually update, by rule, a list of additional diabetes equipment, related supplies and health care provider services that are medically necessary for the treatment of diabetes, for which coverage shall also be included, subject to the terms of the policy, contract, or agreement, if the equipment and supplies have been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Additional FDA-approved diabetes equipment and related supplies, and health care provider services shall be determined in consultation with a national diabetes association affiliated with this state, and at least three

1 (3) medical directors of health benefit plans, to be selected by the
2 State Department of Health.

3 3. All policies specified in this section shall also include
4 coverage for:

5 a. podiatric health care provider services as are deemed
6 medically necessary to prevent complications from
7 diabetes, and

8 b. diabetes self-management training. As used in this
9 subparagraph, "diabetes self-management training"
10 means instruction in an inpatient or outpatient
11 setting which enables diabetic patients to understand
12 the diabetic management process and daily management
13 of diabetic therapy as a method of avoiding frequent
14 hospitalizations and complications. Diabetes self-
15 management training shall comply with standards
16 developed by the State Board of Health in consultation
17 with a national diabetes association affiliated with
18 this state and at least three (3) medical directors of
19 health benefit plans selected by the State Department
20 of Health. Coverage for diabetes self-management
21 training, including medical nutrition therapy relating
22 to diet, caloric intake, and diabetes management, but
23 excluding programs the only purpose of which are
24 weight reduction, shall be limited to the following:

- 1 (1) visits medically necessary upon the diagnosis of
- 2 diabetes,
- 3 (2) a physician diagnosis which represents a
- 4 significant change in the symptoms or condition
- 5 of the patient making medically necessary changes
- 6 in the self-management of the patient, and
- 7 (3) visits when reeducation or refresher training is
- 8 medically necessary;

9 provided, however, payment for the coverage required for diabetes
10 self-management training pursuant to the provisions of this section
11 shall be required only upon certification by the health care
12 provider providing the training that the patient has successfully
13 completed diabetes self-management training.

14 4. Diabetes self-management training shall be supervised by a
15 licensed physician or other licensed health care provider legally
16 authorized to prescribe under the laws of this state. Diabetes
17 self-management training may be provided by the physician or other
18 appropriately registered, certified, or licensed health care
19 professional as part of an office visit for diabetes diagnosis or
20 treatment. Training provided by appropriately registered,
21 certified, or licensed health care professionals may be provided in
22 group settings where practicable.

23 5. Coverage for diabetes self-management training and training
24 related to medical nutrition therapy, when provided by a registered,

1 certified, or licensed health care professional, shall also include
2 home visits when medically necessary and shall include instruction
3 in medical nutrition therapy only by a licensed registered dietician
4 or licensed certified nutritionist when authorized by the
5 supervising physician of the patient when medically necessary.

6 6. Coverage Except as provided in paragraph 7 of this
7 subsection, coverage may be subject to the same annual deductibles
8 or coinsurance as may be deemed appropriate and as are consistent
9 with those established for other covered benefits within a given
10 policy.

11 7. Any carrier that provides coverage for insulin pursuant to
12 this section shall cap the total amount that the insured is required
13 to pay for a thirty-day supply of insulin at an amount not to exceed
14 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), notwithstanding the type or number of
15 prescriptions required by the insured for that time period. The
16 carrier shall also cap the total amount that an insured is required
17 to pay for a thirty-day supply of related FDA-approved diabetes
18 equipment and supplies at an amount not to exceed One Hundred
19 Dollars (\$100.00).

20 a. nothing in this paragraph prevents a carrier from
21 reducing the cost sharing of the insured to an amount
22 less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for insulin or
23 One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for related FDA-approved
24 diabetes equipment and supplies,

1 b. the Insurance Commissioner shall ensure all carriers
2 comply with the requirements of this paragraph,
3 c. the Commissioner shall promulgate rules as necessary
4 to implement and administer the requirements of this
5 paragraph and to comply with federal requirements as
6 amended.

7 B. 1. Health benefit plans shall not reduce or eliminate
8 coverage due to the requirements of this section.

9 2. Enforcement of the provisions of this ~~act~~ section shall be
10 performed by the Insurance Department and the State Department of
11 Health.

12 C. As used in this section, "health benefit plan" means any
13 plan or arrangement as defined in subsection C of Section 6060.4 of
14 this title.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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