

**DIABETES TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT -
MANAGED CARE**

2000 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Howard C. Nielson

AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE; REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER TO ESTABLISH
MINIMUM STANDARDS OF COVERAGE FOR DIABETES; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

ENACTS:

31A-22-625, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **31A-22-625** is enacted to read:

31A-22-625. Coverage of diabetes.

(1) As used in this section, "diabetes" includes individuals with:

(a) complete insulin deficiency or type 1 diabetes;

(b) insulin resistant with partial insulin deficiency or type 2 diabetes; and

(c) elevated blood glucose levels induced by pregnancy or gestational diabetes.

(2) The commissioner shall establish, by rule, minimum standards of coverage for diabetes
for disability insurance policies that provide a health insurance benefit before July 1, 2000.

(3) In making rules under Subsection (2), the commissioner shall require rules:

(a) with durational limits, amount limits, deductibles, and coinsurance for the treatment
of diabetes equitable or identical to coverage provided for the treatment of other illnesses or
diseases;

(b) that ensure an adequate formulary of new or improved equipment, appliances, supplies,
insulin, or prescription drugs for the treatment of diabetes approved by the federal Food and Drug
Administration as of July 1, 2000; and

- 28 (c) that provide coverage for:
- 29 (i) diabetes self-management training and patient management, including medical nutrition
- 30 therapy as defined by rule, provided by a nationally accredited program:
- 31 (A) recognized by the federal Health Care Financing Agency; or
- 32 (B) certified by the Department of Health; and
- 33 (ii) the following equipment, supplies, and appliances to treat diabetes when medically
- 34 necessary:
- 35 (A) blood glucose monitors, including those for the legally blind;
- 36 (B) test strips for blood glucose monitors;
- 37 (C) visual reading urine and ketone strips;
- 38 (D) lancets and lancet devices;
- 39 (E) insulin;
- 40 (F) injection aides, including those adaptable to meet the needs of the legally blind, and
- 41 infusion delivery systems;
- 42 (G) syringes;
- 43 (H) prescriptive oral agents for controlling blood sugar levels;
- 44 (I) glucagon kits; and
- 45 (J) podiatric appliances prescribed by a person licensed under Title 58, Occupations and
- 46 Professions, with the authority to do so.
- 47 Section 2. **Effective date.**
- 48 This act takes effect on July 1, 2000.

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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