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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

Introduced By: Senators Murray, McCaffrey, Miller, Goodwin, Mack, Lawson, Kallman, Bell, Valverde, and Goldin
Date Introduced: February 05, 2021
Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 27-20.8 of the General Laws entitled "Prescription Drug Benefits" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:


(a) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "prescription insulin drug" means a prescription drug, as defined in § 21-31-2, that contains insulin and is used to treat diabetes.

(b) A carrier that provides coverage for prescription insulin drugs pursuant to the terms of a health coverage plan the carrier offers shall cap the total amount that a covered person is required to pay for a covered prescription insulin drug at an amount not to exceed fifty dollars ($50.00), per thirty (30) day supply of insulin, regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed to fill the covered person's prescription. Coverage for prescription insulin drugs shall not be subject to any deductible.

(c) Nothing in this section prevents a carrier from reducing a covered person's cost sharing to an amount less than the amount specified in subsection (b) of this section.

(d) The health insurance commissioner may use any of their enforcement powers to obtain a carrier's compliance with this section.

(e) The commissioner may promulgate rules as necessary to implement and administer this section and to align with federal requirements.
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2022.
This act would provide that health insurance carriers that provide coverage for prescription insulin drugs used to treat diabetes shall only be allowed to charge up to fifty ($50.00) dollars for a copayment for a thirty (30) day supply of insulin regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed to fill the covered person’s prescription. Coverage for prescription insulin would not be subject to any deductible.

This act would take effect on January 1, 2022.