

**514C.18 Diabetes coverage.**

1. Notwithstanding the uniformity of treatment requirements of [section 514C.6](#), a policy or contract providing for third-party payment or prepayment of health or medical expenses shall provide coverage benefits for the cost associated with equipment, supplies, and self-management training and education for the treatment of all types of diabetes mellitus when prescribed by a physician licensed under [chapter 148](#). Coverage benefits shall include coverage for the cost associated with all of the following:

a. Equipment and supplies.

b. Payment for diabetes self-management training and education only under all of the following conditions:

(1) The physician managing the individual's diabetic condition certifies that such services are needed under a comprehensive plan of care related to the individual's diabetic condition to ensure therapy compliance or to provide the individual with necessary skills and knowledge to participate in the management of the individual's condition.

(2) The diabetes self-management training and education program is certified by the Iowa department of public health. The department shall consult with the American diabetes association, Iowa affiliate, in developing the standards for certification of diabetes education programs that cover at least ten hours of initial outpatient diabetes self-management training within a continuous twelve-month period and up to two hours of follow-up training for each subsequent year for each individual diagnosed by a physician with any type of diabetes mellitus.

2. a. [This section](#) applies to the following classes of third-party payment provider contracts or policies delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after July 1, 1999:

(1) Individual or group accident and sickness insurance providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis.

(2) An individual or group hospital or medical service contract issued pursuant to [chapter 509](#), [514](#), or [514A](#).

(3) An individual or group health maintenance organization contract regulated under [chapter 514B](#).

(4) Any other entity engaged in the business of insurance, risk transfer, or risk retention, which is subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner.

(5) A plan established pursuant to [chapter 509A](#) for public employees.

b. [This section](#) shall not apply to accident-only, specified disease, short-term hospital or medical, hospital confinement indemnity, credit, dental, vision, Medicare supplement, long-term care, basic hospital and medical-surgical expense coverage as defined by the commissioner, disability income insurance coverage, coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance, workers' compensation or similar insurance, or automobile medical payment insurance.

[99 Acts, ch 75, §1](#); [99 Acts, ch 208, §58](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1088, §133](#); [2009 Acts, ch 139, §1, 2](#); [2011 Acts, ch 70, §28](#); [2017 Acts, ch 148, §71](#)

2009 amendment takes effect May 22, 2009, and applies to the classes of third-party payment provider contracts or policies that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed on or after July 1, 2009; [2009 Acts, ch 139, §2](#)