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May 22, 2009

The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 478, an Act relating to health insurance coverage for diabetes self-management training and education programs and providing effective and applicability dates.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chester J. Culver", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chester J. Culver
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 478

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DIABETES
SELF-MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND
PROVIDING EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 514C.18, Code 2009, is amended to read
as follows:

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. Blood glucose meter and glucose strips for home monitoring.

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 ~~diabetic~~ 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 ~~as follows:~~

~~(a)--Initial-training-shall-cover-up-to~~ 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 that-meets-any-of-the-following-conditions: diagnosed by a physician with any type of diabetes mellitus.

~~(i)--A-new-onset-of-diabetes.~~

~~(ii)--Poor-glycemic-control-as-evidenced-by-a-glycosylated hemoglobin-of-nine-and-five-tenths-or-more-in-the-ninety-days before-attending-the-training.~~

~~(iii)--A-change-in-treatment-regimen-from-no-diabetes medications-to-any-diabetes-medication, or-from-oral-diabetes medication-to-insulin.~~

~~(iv)--High-risk-for-complications-based-on-poor-glycemic control; documented-acute-episodes-of-severe-hypoglycemia-or acute-severe-hyperglycemia-occurring-in-the-past-year-during which-the-individual-needed-third-party-assistance-for-either emergency-room-visits-or-hospitalization.~~

~~(v)--High-risk-based-on-documented-complications-of-a-lack of-feeling-in-the-foot-or-other-foot-complications-such-as~~

~~foot-ulcer-or-amputation, pre-proliferative-or-proliferative retinopathy-or-prior-laser-treatment-of-the-eye, or-kidney complications-related-to-diabetes, such-as-macroalbuminuria-or elevated-creatinine.~~

~~(b)--An individual who receives the initial training shall be eligible for a single follow-up training session of up to one hour each year.~~

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.

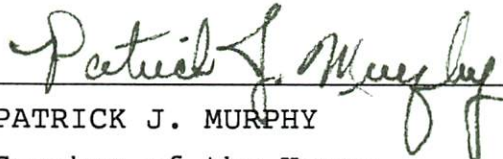
(5) A plan established pursuant to chapter 509A for public employees.


(6) An organized delivery system licensed by the director of public health.

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.


Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATES. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment and applies to the classes of third-party payment provider contracts or policies specified in Code section 514C.18, as amended by this Act, that are delivered, issued

for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after July 1, 2009.



PATRICK J. MURPHY
Speaker of the House


JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 478, Eighty-third General Assembly.


MARK BRANDSGARD
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 22nd, 2009


CHESTER J. CULVER
Governor