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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to coverage under a policy or contract providing  
2 for third-party payment or prepayment of health or medical  
3 expenses by providing coverage for costs associated with  
4 equipment, supplies, and education for the treatment of  
5 diabetes.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.14 DIABETES COVERAGE.

2 1. a. Notwithstanding the uniformity of treatment  
3 requirements of section 514C.6, a policy or contract providing  
4 for third-party payment or prepayment of health or medical  
5 expenses shall provide coverage benefits for the cost  
6 associated with equipment, supplies, and self-management  
7 training and education for the treatment of all types of  
8 diabetes mellitus, impaired glucose tolerance, and impaired  
9 fasting glucose when prescribed by a licensed health care  
10 provider authorized to prescribe such items. Such items shall  
11 include all of the following:

12 (1) Equipment and supplies necessary for home monitoring  
13 including blood glucose meter, glucose strips, finger sticking  
14 devices, lancets, and urine testing strips.

15 (2) Medications to control blood sugar levels including  
16 insulin and oral agents.

17 (3) Equipment and supplies necessary for insulin  
18 administration including syringes, infusion set, and insulin  
19 pens.

20 (4) Assistive devices for the visually impaired including  
21 voice modulated blood glucose meters and injection aids.

22 (5) Podiatric appliances for prevention of complications  
23 associated with diabetes.

24 (6) Podiatric health care provider services as are deemed  
25 medically necessary to prevent complications from diabetes.

26 (7) Diabetes self-management training, including medically  
27 necessary inpatient or outpatient instruction and training  
28 under the direction of a physician licensed under chapter 148  
29 or 150A, licensed physician assistant, or a licensed nurse  
30 practitioner which enables a diabetic patient to understand  
31 the diabetic management process and daily management of  
32 diabetic therapy.

33 (8) Diabetes outpatient self-management training and  
34 education provided by a health professional certified by the  
35 national certification board for diabetes educators or a

1 licensed dietitian, nurse, pharmacist, or other licensed  
2 health professional who may provide training and education  
3 under a program which meets the standards of diabetes self-  
4 management education as established by the American diabetes  
5 association or the Iowa department of public health.

6 | b. The coverage requirement of paragraph "a" shall only  
7 apply to diabetes outpatient self-management training and  
8 education provided by a licensed health care provider with  
9 expertise in treating diabetes.

10 | 2. This section applies to the following classes of third-  
11 party payment provider contracts or policies delivered, issued  
12 for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after  
13 July 1, 1999:

14 | a. Individual or group accident and sickness insurance  
15 providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis.

16 | b. An individual or group hospital or medical service  
17 contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A.

18 | c. An individual or group health maintenance organization  
19 contract regulated under chapter 514B.

20 | d. Any other entity engaged in the business of insurance,  
21 risk transfer, or risk retention, which is subject to the  
22 jurisdiction of the commissioner.

23 | e. A plan established pursuant to chapter 509A for public  
24 employees.

25 | f. An organized delivery system licensed by the director  
26 of public health.

27 | EXPLANATION

28 | This bill creates new Code section 514C.14 and requires  
29 that a policy or contract providing for third-party payment or  
30 prepayment of health or medical expenses provide coverage for  
31 costs associated with certain equipment, supplies, and self-  
32 management training and education for the treatment of  
33 diabetes mellitus, impaired glucose tolerance, and impaired  
34 fasting glucose, if such items are prescribed by a licensed  
35 health care provider who is authorized to prescribe such

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