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HOUSE FILE 16
BY MADDOX

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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 medications, equipment, and supplies 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. Section 514C.18, subsection 1, Code 2003, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Medications approved by the United
4 States food and drug administration for the control of blood
5 sugar levels, including insulin and oral agents, prescribed by
6 the patient's physician.

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. Equipment and supplies necessary for
8 insulin administration, including but not limited to syringes,
9 insulin pens, insulin pumps, and related equipment.

10 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. Assistive devices for those who are
11 visually impaired, including but not limited to voice-
12 modulated blood glucose meters and injection aids.

13 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. Podiatric appliances for prevention of
14 complications associated with diabetes.

15 NEW PARAGRAPH. g. Podiatric health care provider services
16 that are deemed medically necessary to prevent complications
17 from diabetes.

18 NEW PARAGRAPH. h. Other medications, devices, appliances,
19 and equipment approved by the United States food and drug
20 administration for the treatment of diabetes or its
21 complications, prescribed or recommended as medically
22 necessary by the patient's physician.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill amends Code section 514C.18, relating to
25 insurance coverage for diabetes.

26 The bill provides that a policy or contract providing for
27 third-party payment or prepayment of health or medical
28 expenses shall provide coverage for costs associated with
29 certain medications, equipment, and supplies for the treatment
30 of diabetes mellitus, if such items are prescribed by a
31 licensed physician.

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