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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2247

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2247 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by
5 changing Section 356w as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 5/356w)

7 Sec. 356w. Diabetes self-management training and
8 education.

9 (a) A group policy of accident and health insurance that is
10 amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after the effective date
11 of this amendatory Act of 1998 shall provide coverage for
12 outpatient self-management training and education, equipment,
13 and supplies, as set forth in this Section, for the treatment
14 of type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes, and gestational diabetes
15 mellitus.

16 (b) As used in this Section:

1 "Diabetes self-management training" means instruction in
2 an outpatient setting which enables a diabetic patient to
3 understand the diabetic management process and daily
4 management of diabetic therapy as a means of avoiding frequent
5 hospitalization and complications. Diabetes self-management
6 training shall include the content areas listed in the National
7 Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education Programs as
8 published by the American Diabetes Association, including
9 medical nutrition therapy.

10 "Medical nutrition therapy" shall have the meaning
11 ascribed to "medical nutrition care" in the Dietetic and
12 Nutrition Services Practice Act.

13 "Physician" means a physician licensed to practice
14 medicine in all of its branches providing care to the
15 individual.

16 "Qualified provider" for an individual that is enrolled in:

17 (1) a health maintenance organization that uses a
18 primary care physician to control access to specialty care
19 means (A) the individual's primary care physician licensed
20 to practice medicine in all of its branches, (B) a
21 physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its
22 branches to whom the individual has been referred by the
23 primary care physician, or (C) a certified, registered, or
24 licensed network health care professional with expertise
25 in diabetes management to whom the individual has been
26 referred by the primary care physician.

1 (2) an insurance plan means (A) a physician licensed to
2 practice medicine in all of its branches or (B) a
3 certified, registered, or licensed health care
4 professional with expertise in diabetes management to whom
5 the individual has been referred by a physician.

6 (c) Coverage under this Section for diabetes
7 self-management training, including medical nutrition
8 education, shall be limited to the following:

9 (1) Up to 3 medically necessary visits to a qualified
10 provider upon initial diagnosis of diabetes by the
11 patient's physician or, if diagnosis of diabetes was made
12 within one year prior to the effective date of this
13 amendatory Act of 1998 where the insured was a covered
14 individual, up to 3 medically necessary visits to a
15 qualified provider within one year after that effective
16 date.

17 (2) Up to 2 medically necessary visits to a qualified
18 provider upon a determination by a patient's physician that
19 a significant change in the patient's symptoms or medical
20 condition has occurred. A "significant change" in
21 condition means symptomatic hyperglycemia (greater than
22 250 mg/dl on repeated occasions), severe hypoglycemia
23 (requiring the assistance of another person), onset or
24 progression of diabetes, or a significant change in medical
25 condition that would require a significantly different
26 treatment regimen.

1 Payment by the insurer or health maintenance organization
2 for the coverage required for diabetes self-management
3 training pursuant to the provisions of this Section is only
4 required to be made for services provided. No coverage is
5 required for additional visits beyond those specified in items
6 (1) and (2) of this subsection.

7 Coverage under this subsection (c) for diabetes
8 self-management training shall be subject to the same
9 deductible, co-payment, and co-insurance provisions that apply
10 to coverage under the policy for other services provided by the
11 same type of provider.

12 (d) Coverage shall be provided for the following equipment
13 when medically necessary and prescribed by a physician licensed
14 to practice medicine in all of its branches. Coverage for the
15 following items shall be subject to deductible, co-payment and
16 co-insurance provisions provided for under the policy or a
17 durable medical equipment rider to the policy:

- 18 (1) blood glucose monitors;
19 (2) blood glucose monitors for the legally blind;
20 (3) cartridges for the legally blind; and
21 (4) lancets and lancing devices.

22 This subsection does not apply to a group policy of
23 accident and health insurance that does not provide a durable
24 medical equipment benefit.

25 (e) Coverage shall be provided for the following
26 pharmaceuticals and supplies when medically necessary and

1 prescribed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all
2 of its branches. Coverage for the following items shall be
3 subject to the same coverage, deductible, co-payment, and
4 co-insurance provisions under the policy or a drug rider to the
5 policy:

6 (1) insulin;

7 (2) syringes and needles;

8 (3) test strips for glucose monitors;

9 (4) FDA approved oral agents used to control blood
10 sugar; and

11 (5) glucagon emergency kits.

12 An insurer or health maintenance organization may not
13 request prior authorization for each of the pharmaceuticals and
14 supplies listed in this subsection (e) more than once in a
15 consecutive 12-month period unless the group policy of accident
16 and health insurance has been amended, delivered, issued, or
17 renewed during such period.

18 This subsection does not apply to a group policy of
19 accident and health insurance that does not provide a drug
20 benefit.

21 (f) Coverage shall be provided for regular foot care exams
22 by a physician or by a physician to whom a physician has
23 referred the patient. Coverage for regular foot care exams
24 shall be subject to the same deductible, co-payment, and
25 co-insurance provisions that apply under the policy for other
26 services provided by the same type of provider.

1 (g) If authorized by a physician, diabetes self-management
2 training may be provided as a part of an office visit, group
3 setting, or home visit.

4 (h) This Section shall not apply to agreements, contracts,
5 or policies that provide coverage for a specified diagnosis or
6 other limited benefit coverage.

7 (Source: P.A. 90-741, eff. 1-1-99.)".