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S.B. No. 1558

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain equipment and supplies associated with diabetes treatment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 1358.051(1) and (2), Insurance Code, are amended to read as follows:

(1) "Diabetes equipment" means:

(A) blood glucose monitors, including noninvasive glucose monitors and glucose monitors designed to be used by blind individuals;

(B) insulin pumps and associated supplies and appurtenances, including an insulin pump that works in conjunction with another medical device to provide automated or predictive insulin infusion suspend or control functionality as part of a system classified as an artificial pancreas device system by the United States Food and Drug Administration;

(C) insulin infusion devices; ~~and~~

(D) podiatric appliances for the prevention of complications associated with diabetes; and

(E) continuous glucose monitoring devices that continuously record glucose levels of individual users whether a freestanding device or integrated into an insulin pump.

(2) "Diabetes supplies" means:

(A) test strips for blood glucose monitors;

- 1 (B) visual reading and urine test strips;
2 (C) lancets and lancet devices;
3 (D) insulin and insulin analogs;
4 (E) injection aids;
5 (F) syringes;
6 (G) prescriptive and nonprescriptive oral agents
7 for controlling blood sugar levels; ~~and~~
8 (H) glucagon emergency kits; and
9 (I) supplies related to insulin pumps and
10 continuous glucose monitoring devices, including insulin infusion
11 sets, insulin reservoirs, glucose sensors, and glucose data
12 transmitters.

13 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a health benefit plan
14 that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after
15 September 1, 2015. A health benefit plan delivered, issued for
16 delivery, or renewed before September 1, 2015, is governed by the
17 law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act,
18 and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.