

We are in the fortunate position of having a good income and excellent insurance. Our son's type 1 diabetes is a mental and emotional expense for our family but the financial expense is manageable.

We are in the minority. The type 1 community is very willing to share their stories. Most of them involve the financial expenses and stresses that come with type 1 diabetes. The cost of insulin is high - most prescriptions are high. But not many prescriptions are life or death like insulin.

The cost of insulin is insulting given that it was patented and sold for \$1 over 100 years ago. There are no new research costs. It is a cash cow for pharmaceuticals preying on those who literally cannot live without it.

This is not botox, viagra, or a boutique elective drug. This is literally a life or death drug - one that type 1 individuals need from the day of diagnosis every day until they pass. As such we as a country should be "PRO LIFE" for the living and make insulin affordable for all.

If one person ever died from not being able to afford insulin it would be too many. 87,647 death certificates in 2019 listed diabetes as the primary cause. This is an insidious disease. What's even more insidious is the profiteering involving the price of insulin.

The online cost estimate to make a vial of insulin is \$2 to \$10. Capping the price at \$30 (a 300 to 1500% profit margin) would ensure that pharmaceuticals make a profit and those who cannot live without it can afford it.

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