

SENATE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-36 and a new section to
2 chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to health insurance coverage and
3 public employee health insurance coverage for diabetes.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 26.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Health insurance policy and health insurance contract - Coverage for certain**
8 **diabetes services.**

- 9 1. An insurance company, a nonprofit health service corporation, or a health
10 maintenance organization may not deliver, issue, execute, or renew any health
11 insurance policy, health service contract, or evidence of coverage on an individual,
12 a group, a blanket, a franchise, or an association basis unless the policy, contract,
13 or evidence of coverage provides benefits as provided under this section for
14 outpatient self-management training and education for the treatment of diabetes
15 and for diabetic equipment and supplies. Notwithstanding section 26.1-36-12.5,
16 this section applies to a basic health insurance coverage policy.
- 17 2. Required coverage under this section must include:
- 18 a. Outpatient self-management training and education, including medical
19 nutrition therapy, for the management of diabetes. The training and education
20 must be provided by a licensed, registered, or certified health care
21 professional in a manner consistent with the national standards for diabetes
22 self-management education established by the American diabetes
23 association. Notwithstanding subsection 3, this coverage must provide no
24 less than two hundred fifty dollars of benefit per individual, per policy or

- 1 contract year, for outpatient self-management training and education for the
2 treatment of diabetes.
- 3 b. All medically appropriate and necessary equipment and supplies used in the
4 management and treatment of diabetes, including physician prescribed
5 equipment and supplies; syringes; injection aids; devices for self-monitoring of
6 glucose levels, including devices for the visually impaired; test strips; visual
7 reading and urine test strips; one insulin pump for each policy or contract
8 year; accessories to insulin pumps; and glucagon emergency kits.
- 9 3. Coverage required under this section may not be subject to coinsurance,
10 copayment, or deductible provisions that exceed the applicable hospital, medical
11 expense, medical equipment, or prescription drug benefits under the policy or
12 contract. Coverage under this section applies to an individual with gestational,
13 type I, or type II diabetes.

14 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
15 created and enacted as follows:

16 **Insurance diabetes coverage.** The board shall provide medical benefits coverage
17 under a contract for insurance pursuant to section 54-52.1-04 or under a self-insurance plan
18 pursuant to section 54-52.1-04.2 for diabetes in the same manner as provided for under
19 section 1 of this Act.