

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a mother of a child with type 1 diabetes who was diagnosed at the age of six. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune condition that requires daily insulin via an insulin pump or multiple daily injections to live. Death occurs without insulin. Insulin was developed approximately 100 years ago, and since then, the cost of insulin has astronomically increased. This has made a lifesaving medication unaffordable for many North Dakotans, such as my family. I purchased insulin in January, and with NDPERS insurance, the out-of-pocket cost was \$254. I am very concerned about how my son will pay for his insulin as an adult. My son, who is 11 now, is also worried about paying for his insulin as he knows he cannot live without it.

I strongly recommend and support a cap for out-of-pocket costs for insulin. Insulin is the only treatment for type 1 diabetes. Without insulin, my son cannot live.

Sincerely,

Your concerned North Dakota citizen and mother of a child with type 1 diabetes

Stacey Poffenberger