

To Whom It May Concern,

I am one of two board certified Pediatric Endocrinologist's in the state of North Dakota who cares for children across the state with type 1 diabetes mellitus. I have also been living with type 1 diabetes mellitus since I was 8 years old. Type 1 diabetes mellitus is an autoimmune condition that requires daily insulin in the form of an insulin pump or multiple daily injections to live. Death incurs without insulin. Insulin was developed approximately 100 years ago and since that time the cost of the insulin has astronomically increased. This has resulted in a lifesaving medication to become unaffordable for many North Dakotans. This results in patients & families rationing their insulin instead of giving their appropriately prescribed doses. To not place a cap on prices of insulin would result in increased risk for morbidity and mortality for any person living with type 1 diabetes.

I strongly recommend that there be a cap to out-of-pocket costs for monthly insulin. Like I stated above, insulin is the only treatment for type 1 diabetes. Without capping insulin prices, you are causing significant harm to patients with a chronic illness. NONE of these people chose to be diagnosed with this chronic disease and most were children when they were diagnosed.

Sincerely,

Your concerned North Dakota citizen, ND citizen living with type 1 diabetes and local Pediatric Endocrinologist

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