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SYNOPSIS

Places cap of \$100 on amount paid by covered persons for purchase of insulin.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning prescription insulin coverage and
2 supplementing P.L.1997, c.192.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. A carrier that provides coverage for prescription drugs
8 pursuant to the terms of a health benefits plan offered by the carrier
9 shall not require a covered person to pay, for a covered prescription
10 insulin drug, an amount exceeding \$100 per 30 day supply of
11 insulin, regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed to fill the
12 covered person's prescription.

13 b. Nothing in this section shall prevent a carrier from reducing
14 a covered person's cost sharing by an amount greater than the
15 amount specified in this section.

16 c. As used in this section, "prescription insulin drug" means
17 articles that contain insulin and are used to treat diabetes, including:

18 (1) articles recognized in the official United States
19 Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United
20 States, or official National Formulary, or any supplement to any of
21 them;

22 (2) articles intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation,
23 treatment or prevention of disease in man or other animals;

24 (3) articles, other than food, intended to affect the structure or
25 any function of the body of man or other animals; and

26 (4) articles intended for use as a component of any article
27 specified in clause (1), (2), or (3).

28 "Prescription insulin drug" does not include biological products,
29 or devices or their components, parts, or accessories.

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31 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
32 month next following the date of enactment, but the Commissioner
33 of Banking and Insurance may take such anticipatory administrative
34 action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for the
35 implementation of the act.

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STATEMENT

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40 This bill provides that carriers that provide coverage for
41 prescription drugs pursuant to the terms of a health benefits plan
42 offered by the carrier are prohibited from requiring a covered
43 person to pay, for a covered prescription insulin drug, an amount
44 exceeding \$100 per 30 day supply of insulin, regardless of the
45 amount or type of insulin needed to fill the covered person's
46 prescription.

47 Places cap of \$100 on amount paid by covered persons for purchase
48 of insulin.