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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY SENATOR BISHOP

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT. Requests the Department of Insurance to study insurer's coverage of diabetes-related medication.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Insurance to research statistics and the ten
3 year history of insurer's coverage of diabetes-related medication.

4 WHEREAS, according to the American Diabetes Association, over twelve percent
5 or over five hundred thousand citizens of our state have been diagnosed with diabetes; and

6 WHEREAS, the Doctor Patient Rights Project (DPRP) reports that in the last four
7 years, the number of diabetes-related treatments on the formulary exclusion lists of the
8 nation's two largest pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) increased by almost eighty percent
9 and now constitute one-fifth of all formulary exclusions; and

10 WHEREAS, DPRP found that diabetes-related medications were the most excluded
11 treatment category, and the only category where the PBMs had consistently increased the
12 number of exclusions every year since they both began issuing formulary exclusion lists; and

13 WHEREAS, children with diabetes will be saddled with a lifetime of exorbitant
14 out-of-pocket costs if insurers continue to exclude diabetes-related medications and supplies
15 from coverage; and

16 WHEREAS, low-income and minority patients are especially vulnerable to exclusion
17 since they may be more likely than others to respond to formulary exclusions by skipping
18 doses to make the original prescription last longer or by discontinuing treatment altogether,

