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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY SENATOR BISHOP

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

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,

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according to DPRP's research.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Insurance to research statistics and the ten-year history of insurer's coverage of diabetes-related medication and to submit a written report of the findings to the Senate Committee on Insurance by January 10, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Cooper.

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