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HOUSE BILL NO. 677

BY REPRESENTATIVES JORDAN AND WILLARD

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to cost sharing for insulin prescriptions

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1034.1, relative to health insurance coverage; to require a health coverage
3 plan to limit the cost-sharing amount for enrollees prescribed insulin; to require
4 certain inclusion of insulin relative to drug formularies; to provide for definitions;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:1034.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1034.1. Health insurance coverage for insulin; limit on cost-sharing requirement

9 A. As used in this Section, the following terms apply:

10 (1) "Formulary" has the same meaning as the term is defined in R.S.
11 22:1060.1.

12 (2) "Health coverage plan" means any hospital, health, or medical expense
13 insurance policy, hospital or medical service contract, employee welfare benefit plan,
14 contract, or other agreement with a health maintenance organization or a preferred
15 provider organization, health and accident insurance policy, or any other insurance
16 contract of this type in this state, including a group insurance plan, a self-insurance
17 plan, and the Office of Group Benefits programs. "Health coverage plan" does not
18 include a plan providing coverage for excepted benefits as defined in R.S. 22:1061,
19 limited benefit health insurance plans, and short-term policies that have a term of
20 less than twelve months.

1 (3) "Insulin" means a prescription drug that contains insulin and is used to
2 treat diabetes. The term does not include an insulin drug that is administered to a
3 patient intravenously.

4 B. A health coverage plan shall not impose a cost-sharing provision for
5 insulin in the health coverage plan's formulary if the total amount the enrollee is
6 required to pay exceeds twenty-five dollars per prescription for a thirty-day supply,
7 regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed to fill the enrollee's prescription.

8 C. A health coverage plan shall include at least one insulin from each
9 therapeutic class in the plan's formulary.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires a health coverage plan to limit an enrollee's cost-sharing amount to \$25 for a 30-day prescription of insulin.

Proposed law defines "health coverage plan", "formulary", and "insulin".

Proposed law prohibits a health coverage plan from imposing a cost-sharing provision for insulin in the plan's formulary if the enrollee is required to pay more than \$25 per prescription for a 30-day supply, regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed to fill the enrollee's prescription.

Proposed law requires a health coverage plan to include at least one insulin from each therapeutic class in the plan's formulary.

(Adds R.S. 22:1034.1)