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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative Pilkington

Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE COVERAGE OF CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE
MONITORS IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MODIFY THE COVERAGE OF CONTINUOUS
GLUCOSE MONITORS IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID
PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-142 is repealed for reenactment in a
more appropriate section within the Arkansas Code.

~~20-7-142. Continuous glucose monitor—Definition.~~

~~(a) As used in this section, “continuous glucose monitor” means an
instrument or device, including repair and replacement parts, that:~~

~~(1) Is designed and offered for the purpose of aiding an
individual with diabetes;~~

~~(2) Measures glucose levels at set intervals by means of a small
electrode placed under the skin and held in place by an adhesive; and~~

~~(3) Is generally not useful to an individual who has not been
diagnosed with diabetes.~~

~~(b) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall provide coverage for a
continuous glucose monitor for the treatment of an individual if the
individual has:~~

1 ~~(1) Either:~~

2 ~~(A) A presence of type 1 diabetes or any other type of~~
3 ~~diabetes with:~~

4 ~~(i) The use of insulin more than two (2) times~~
5 ~~daily; or~~

6 ~~(ii) Evidence of Level 2 or Level 3 hypoglycemia; or~~

7 ~~(B) Diagnosis of glycogen storage disease type 1a; and~~

8 ~~(2) Regular follow up with a healthcare provider at a minimum~~
9 ~~every six (6) months to assess for ongoing benefit.~~

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11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is
12 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

13 20-77-148. Continuous glucose monitor – Definition.

14 (a) As used in this section, “continuous glucose monitor” means an
15 instrument or device, including repair and replacement parts, that:

16 (1) Is designed and offered for the purpose of aiding an
17 individual with diabetes;

18 (2) Measures glucose levels at set intervals by means of a small
19 electrode placed under the skin and held in place by an adhesive; and

20 (3) Is generally not useful to an individual who has not been
21 diagnosed with diabetes.

22 (b) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall provide coverage for a
23 continuous glucose monitor for the treatment of an individual if the
24 individual has:

25 (1) Either:

26 (A) A presence of type 1 diabetes or any other type of
27 diabetes with:

28 (i) The use of insulin more than two (2) times
29 daily; or

30 (ii) Evidence of Level 2 or Level 3 hypoglycemia; or

31 (B) Diagnosis of glycogen storage disease type 1a; and

32 (2) Regular follow-up visits with a healthcare provider at a
33 minimum of every six (6) months to assess for ongoing benefit of the
34 continuous glucose monitor.

35 (c) Coverage for a continuous glucose monitor under the Arkansas
36 Medicaid Program shall allow the beneficiary to obtain a continuous glucose

1 monitor through a prescription at a pharmacy and be eligible for rebates as a
2 pharmacy benefit.

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