THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2552 Session of 2010

INTRODUCED BY M. SMITH, PYLE, BAKER, BISHOP, BRENNAN, BRIGGS, BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, DONATUCCI, DRUCKER, FREEMAN, GERGELY, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HOUGHTON, JOSEPHS, KULA, MAHONEY, MATZIE, McGEEHAN, MELIO, MILNE, M. O'BRIEN, RAPP, ROEBUCK, SEIP, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, SWANGER, THOMAS, VULAKOVICH, WHEATLEY, WHITE, YOUNGBLOOD, P. COSTA, DeLUCA, FRANKEL, READSHAW, SHAPIRO AND VEREB, JUNE 1, 2010

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, JUNE 1, 2010

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AN ACT

Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), entitled "An act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of 3 insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds 5 associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and 7 fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and supervision of insurance carried by such companies, 8 associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by 9 the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and 10 repealing existing laws," further providing for reimbursement 11 for diabetic supplies. 12 13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 14 hereby enacts as follows: Section 1. Section 634(a) of the act of May 17, 1921 15 16 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, 17 added October 16, 1998 (P.L.784, No.98), is amended to read: 18 Section 634. Reimbursement for Diabetic Supplies .-- (a)

Except to the extent already covered under another policy, any

individual or group health, sickness and accident insurance

- 1 policy, group health insurance plans/policies, and all other
- 2 forms of managed/capitated care plans/policies or subscriber
- 3 contract or certificate issued by any entity subject to 40
- 4 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to hospital plan corporations) or 63
- 5 (relating to professional health services plan corporations) or
- 6 the act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364), known as the
- 7 "Health Maintenance Organization Act," [the act of December 14,
- 8 1992 (P.L.835, No.134), known as the "Fraternal Benefit
- 9 Societies Code,"] or this act providing hospital or
- 10 medical/surgical coverage shall provide coverage of the
- 11 equipment, supplies, medication and outpatient self-management
- 12 training and education, including medical nutrition therapy for
- 13 the treatment of insulin-dependent diabetes, insulin-using
- 14 diabetes, gestational diabetes [and], non-insulin-using diabetes
- 15 and the treatment of pain associated with complications of
- 16 <u>diabetes</u>, such as <u>diabetic peripheral neuropathy</u> and other
- 17 <u>comorbid conditions</u>, if prescribed by a health care professional
- 18 legally authorized to prescribe such items under law. The
- 19 benefits specified in this section may be provided through a
- 20 combination of policies, contracts, certificates or riders,
- 21 including major medical contracts.
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- 23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.