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Senate Bill 414 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator John J.H. Schwarz, M.D.
Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Third Party Administrator Act to require third party administrators (TPAs) to include coverage for certain equipment, supplies, and educational training for the treatment of diabetes, if prescribed by an allopathic or osteopathic physician; and certain medications and training prescribed and provided by a podiatrist. Under the bill, "diabetes" would include gestational diabetes, insulin-using diabetes, and non-insulin-using diabetes.

The bill would require a TPA that entered into a service contract to administer a plan to provide the following equipment, supplies, and educational training for diabetes treatment if prescribed by a physician: blood glucose monitors, and blood glucose monitors for the legally blind; test strips for glucose monitors, visual reading and urine testing strips; lancets and spring-powered lancet devices; insulin; mechanical injections aids; cartridges for the legally blind; syringes; insulin pumps and appurtenances; insulin infusion devices; and oral agents for controlling blood sugar.

Further, a service contract also would have to provide for diabetes self-management training, if prescribed by a physician, to ensure that persons with diabetes were trained as to the proper self-management and treatment of their diabetic condition, including information on medical nutrition therapy.

Proposed MCL 550.933

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FISCAL IMPACT

Please see **FISCAL IMPACT** on Senate Bills 260 through 262.

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