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AN ACT *to amend* 40.52 (1) (b) and 632.895 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:**insurance coverage of prescription medications used to treat diabetes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 40.52 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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40.52 **(1)** (b) Coverage for expenses incurred by the installation and use of an insulin infusion pump, coverage for all other equipment and supplies used in the treatment of diabetes, including any prescription medication used to treat diabetes, and coverage of diabetic self–management education programs. Coverage required under this paragraph shall be subject to the same deductible exclusions, limitations, deductibles, and coinsurance provisions of the plan as other covered expenses, except that insulin infusion pump coverage may be limited to the purchase of one pump per

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year and the plan may require the covered person to use a pump for 30 days before purchase.

SECTION 2. 632.895 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

disability insurance policy which provides coverage of expenses incurred for treatment of diabetes shall provide coverage for expenses incurred by the installation and use of an insulin infusion pump, coverage for all other equipment and supplies, including insulin or any other prescription medication, used in the treatment of diabetes, and coverage of diabetic self-management education programs. Coverage required under this subsection shall be subject to the same deductible exclusions, limitations, deductibles, and coinsurance provisions of the policy as other covered expenses, except that insulin infusion pump coverage may be limited to the purchase of one pump per year and the insurer may require the insured to use a pump for 30 days before purchase.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

- (1) This act first applies to all of the following:
- (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), disability insurance policies that are issued or renewed on the effective date of this paragraph.
- (b) Disability insurance policies covering employees who are affected by a collective bargaining agreement containing provisions inconsistent with this act that are issued or renewed on the earlier of the following:
 - 1. The day on which the collective bargaining agreement expires.
- 2. The day on which the collective bargaining agreement is extended, modified, or renewed.

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(c) Self-insured health plans covering employees who are affected by a
collective bargaining agreement containing provisions inconsistent with this act
that are established, extended, modified, or renewed on the earlier of the following:
1. The day on which the collective bargaining agreement expires.
2. The day on which the collective bargaining agreement is extended, modified,
or renewed.
Section 4. Effective date.
(1) This act takes effect on January 1, 2003.

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