



November 9, 2023

Mr. Richard Champagne  
Acting Senate Chief Clerk  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707

Mr. Ted Blazel  
Assembly Chief Clerk  
17 West Main Street  
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Madison, WI 53703

**Re: Social and Financial Impact Report—2023 Senate Bill 574 and Assembly Bill 584— relating to a cost-sharing cap on insulin.**

Dear Acting Chief Clerk Champagne and Chief Clerk Blazel:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 601.423, the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) is submitting a social and financial impact report on 2023 Senate Bill 574 and Assembly Bill 584, relating to a cost-sharing cap on insulin.

**Coverage Mandates**

OCI has determined that 2023 Senate Bill 574 and Assembly Bill 584 require a social and financial impact report for the following reasons:

1. The provision requires a particular benefit design or imposes conditions on cost sharing under an insurance policy, plan, or contract for the treatment of a particular disease, condition, or other health care need, for a particular type of health care treatment or service, or for the provision of equipment, supplies, or drugs used in connection with a health care treatment or service.

**Social Impact**

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 632.895 (6), disability insurance policies that provide coverage for the treatment of diabetes and among other related coverages, shall provide coverage for insulin or any other prescription medication used in the treatment of diabetes. The coverage may be subject to the same exclusion, limitations, deductibles, and co-insurance provisions of the policy as other covered expenses. OCI has reviewed the requirements proposed in 2023 Senate Bill 574 and Assembly Bill 584 section 4 creating Wis. Stat. § 632.895 (6) (b). The proposal expands the types of entities affected by the mandate to include self-insured plans of the state, county, city, village, town, or school districts that offer coverage for insulin and limits the amount of cost-sharing an insured can be charged for a one-month supply for insulin.

Insurers and identified self-funded plans, under the proposals, are prohibited from imposing cost-sharing on insulin in an amount that exceeds \$35.00 for a one-month supply.

According to the American Diabetes Association, approximately 406,445 adults living in Wisconsin have diabetes. Additionally, every year an estimated 34,766 Wisconsinites will be diagnosed with diabetes.

OCI is unable to determine how many of the approximately 406,445 individuals with diabetes in Wisconsin are being treated with some form of insulin as part of the treatment of their diabetic condition. OCI is also unable to determine how many disability insurance policies and self-funded policies covering state,

county, city, village, town, or school districts are offering coverage for insulin with cost-sharing amounts that exceed the proposed limitations. Due to insufficient information noted above, OCI is unable to determine the number of individuals with diabetes who could benefit from the new insurance mandate proposed in the bills.

### **Financial Impact**

The mandate for coverage of diabetic treatment and equipment has existed in Wisconsin since November 27, 1981, and amended periodically to specify the inclusion of prescription medications used to treat diabetes. The fiscal impact of the proposed bills may lower the insured's cost-sharing to the extent the current cost-sharing exceeds the proposed cap and potentially increase costs to the insurers or self-funded state, county, city, village, town, or school district that may voluntarily provide coverage for the treatment of diabetes including coverage for insulin if the current cost-sharing levels exceed the proposed caps.

Insurers offering coverage through the federal marketplace exchange must provide coverage that is substantially similar to the state's established benchmark plan. The state's benchmark plan includes both state and federal coverage requirements and plans are required to offer coverage for preventive services, including diabetic treatment and insulin, consistent with 45 CFR 147.130. Insurers offering grandfathered plans or transitional plans, non-federal governmental health plans, self-insured private employer plans, and large employer group health plans are not restricted to offering a plan that is similar to the Wisconsin benchmark plan. Large employers and non-federal governmental plans may select a benchmark plan from another state provided the plan includes Wisconsin's mandated benefits. OCI is unaware of the number of plans that cover insulin treatment and require cost-sharing that would exceed the proposed cap. Therefore, OCI cannot determine what additional expenditures there would be for the proposed limitations on cost-sharing for insulin.

Please contact Sarah Smith at (608) 209-6309 or [Sarah.Smith2@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sarah.Smith2@wisconsin.gov) if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner

Cc: The Honorable Tony Evers, Governor of Wisconsin