

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Senate Bill 250		Senate Amendment 1 and Assembly Amendment 1
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CURRENT LAW

Under current law, health insurance policies that provide coverage for treatment of diabetes must provide coverage for the installation and use of an insulin infusion pump, coverage for all other equipment and supplies, including insulin, used in the treatment of diabetes, and coverage of diabetic self-management education programs. This required coverage is subject to the same deductible and coinsurance provisions of the policy as other covered expenses, except that the insulin infusion pump coverage may be limited to the purchase of one pump per year and may require the insured to use the pump for 30 days before purchase.

Senate Bill 250

Senate Bill 250 adds a requirement that every health insurance policy that provides coverage for treatment of diabetes must provide coverage for any other prescription medication used in the treatment of diabetes, in addition to insulin.

<u>Senate Amendment 1</u>

Senate Amendment 1 provides that the required coverage for diabetes treatment is subject to the same exclusions and limitations of the policy as other covered expenses.

<u>Assembly Amendment 1</u>

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that the bill will take effect on January 1, 2003.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 was adopted by the Senate on a voice vote on November 6, 2001, and the bill, as amended, was passed on a voice vote by the Senate on that same date.

On January 15, 2002, the Assembly Committee on Health recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1; and concurrence in the bill, as amended; both on votes of Ayes, 16; Noes, 0.

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