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HOUSE BILL NO. 66

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Labor and Commerce on January 28, 2020)

(Patrons Prior to Substitute—Delegates Carter and Leftwich [HB 1403])

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 38.2-3407.15:5, relating to health insurance; pharmacy benefits; cost-sharing payments for prescription insulin drugs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 38.2-3407.15:5 as follows: § 38.2-3407.15:5. Limit on cost-sharing payments for prescription insulin drugs.

A. As used in this section:

"Carrier" has the same meaning ascribed thereto in subsection A of § 38.2-3407.15.

"Cost-sharing payment" means the total amount a covered person is required to pay at the point of sale in order to receive a prescription drug that is covered under the covered person's health plan.

"Covered person" means a policyholder, subscriber, participant, or other individual covered by a health plan.

"Health plan" means any health benefit plan, as defined in § 38.2-3438, that provides coverage for a prescription insulin drug.

"Pharmacy benefits manager" means an entity that engages in the administration or management of prescription drug benefits provided by a carrier for the benefit of its covered persons.

"Prescription insulin drug" means a prescription drug that contains insulin and is used to treat diabetes.

"Provider contract" has the same meaning ascribed thereto in subsection A of § 38.2-3407.15.

- B. Every health plan offered by a carrier shall set the cost-sharing payment that a covered person is required to pay for a covered prescription insulin drug at an amount that does not exceed \$30 per 30-day supply of the prescription insulin drug, regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed to fill the covered person's prescription.
- C. Nothing in this section shall prevent a carrier from setting a covered person's cost-sharing payment for a covered prescription insulin drug at an amount that is less than the maximum amount permitted pursuant to subsection B.
- D. No provider contract between a carrier or its pharmacy benefits manager and a pharmacy or its contracting agent shall contain a provision (i) authorizing the carrier's pharmacy benefits manager or the pharmacy to charge, (ii) requiring the pharmacy to collect, or (iii) requiring a covered person to make a cost-sharing payment for a covered prescription insulin drug in an amount that exceeds the amount of the cost-sharing payment for the covered prescription insulin drug established by the carrier pursuant to subsection B.
- E. This section shall apply with respect to health plans and provider contracts entered into, amended, extended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2021.
- F. Pursuant to the authority granted by § 38.2-223, the Commission may adopt such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to implement this section.