

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1085

By: Boyd (Betty) and Apple
of the House

and

Smith of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution creating the Diabetes Insurance Task Force; providing for membership, appointments, officers, meetings, staffing, reimbursement, and powers and duties of such Task Force; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, diabetes is a chronic disease in which the body fails to produce or properly use insulin, a hormone needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is a leading cause of blindness, kidney failure, heart attacks and death; and

WHEREAS, this life-threatening disease affects approximately one in every 20 persons in this state; and

WHEREAS, early detection and control of the disease improves a diabetic's chances of leading a productive life; and

WHEREAS, many products and services are currently available, including but not limited to blood glucose monitors, data management systems, insulin, injection aids, syringes, insulin pumps, insulin infusion devices, oral agents for controlling blood sugar, and diabetes education classes; and

WHEREAS, diabetes education and the educated use of the many products and services available have been shown to reduce the number of hospital stays and emergency services for diabetics; and

WHEREAS, in order to determine whether coverage for products and services for diabetics should be provided by insurance companies in this state as a matter of law, it is important to study the fiscal impact on insurance companies, the physical short-term and long-term impact on the insured diabetic, and the long-term fiscal impact on the state and federal disability and welfare systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT there is hereby created until January 1, 1995, the Diabetes Insurance Task Force. The Task Force shall be composed of twelve (12) members appointed by the Insurance Commissioner as follows:

1. Five members shall be members of the insurance industry, each with a minimum of five (5) years in the insurance business. Such members shall represent both large and small insurance businesses which are involved in providing health insurance;

2. Two members shall be individuals with either type I or type II diabetes;

3. One member shall be the parent or guardian of a diabetic child;

4. One member shall be a physician, one member shall be a doctor of podiatric medicine and one member shall be an osteopathic

physician licensed by this state whose practices primarily involve the treatment of diabetic patients; and

5. One member shall be a nondiabetic layperson.

Members shall be appointed on or before July 1, 1994.

THAT the Insurance Commissioner shall call the first meeting of the Task Force at which time a Chairperson and Vice-chairperson shall be elected by the membership of the Task Force. Thereafter, all meetings shall be called by the Chairperson.

THAT the Task Force shall be in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Insurance Department shall provide any necessary staffing, equipment and supplies to carry out the study specified in this resolution. Members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed by the Insurance Commission in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act for actual and necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of its duties.

THAT the Task Force shall:

1. Study, identify and review the fiscal impact on insurance companies, the physical short-term and long-term impact on the insured diabetic, and the long-term fiscal impact on the state and federal disability and welfare systems of requiring insurance companies to cover the expense of products and services for diabetics in order to determine whether coverage for such products and services for diabetics should be provided by insurance companies in this state as a matter of law;

2. Examine insurance laws of other states relating to any requirements on insurance coverage for products and services for diabetics;

3. Provide a comparison between the expense of health care of diabetics who are provided the necessary products and services and the expense of health care of those diabetics who do not have such products and services available to them; and

4. Submit a report on or before January 1, 1995, on the Task Force findings of subparagraphs 1 through 3 of this paragraph to the Insurance Commissioner, the State Commissioner of Health, the Director of the Department of Rehabilitative Services, the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

THAT copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the Governor, the Insurance Commissioner, the State Commissioner of Health, and the Director of the Department of Rehabilitative Services.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 24th day of May,

1994.

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Adopted by the Senate the 19th day of May, 1994.

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