

## HOUSE BILL NO. 612

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SELF-MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR DIABETES; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-18-704, 33-22-129, AND 33-35-306, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Coverage for self-management training and education for treatment of diabetes.** (1) Each individual policy, certificate of insurance, and membership contract that is delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, extended, or modified in this state must provide coverage for outpatient self-management training and education for the treatment of diabetes. Any education must be provided by a licensed health care professional with expertise in diabetes.

(2) (a) Coverage must include an annual benefit for medically necessary and prescribed outpatient self-management training and education for the treatment of diabetes. At a minimum, the benefit must consist of:

(i) ~~40 hours~~ 20 VISITS of training and education in diabetes self-management in either an individual or group setting WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS if the insured has not received the training and education previously; and

(ii) ~~6 hours~~ 12 VISITS of followup diabetes self-management training and education services in subsequent years for an insured who has previously received and exhausted the initial ~~40 hours~~ 20 VISITS of education under subsection (2)(a)(i).

(b) Nothing in subsection (2)(a) prohibits an insurer from providing a greater benefit.

(c) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), THE TERM "VISIT" REFERS TO A PERIOD OF 30 MINUTES.

(3) Annual copayment and deductible provisions are subject to the same terms and conditions applicable to all other covered benefits within a given policy.

(4) This section does not apply to disability income, hospital indemnity, medicare supplement,

1 accident-only, vision, dental, specific disease, or long-term care policies.

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3 **Section 2.** Section 2-18-704, MCA, is amended to read:

4 **"2-18-704. Mandatory provisions.** (1) An insurance contract or plan issued under this part must  
5 contain provisions that permit:

6 (a) the member of a group who retires from active service under the appropriate retirement  
7 provisions of a defined benefit plan provided by law or, in the case of the defined contribution plan provided in  
8 Title 19, chapter 3, part 21, a member with at least 5 years of service and who is at least age 50 while in  
9 covered employment to remain a member of the group until the member becomes eligible for medicare under  
10 the federal Health Insurance for the Aged Act, 42 U.S.C. 1395, unless the member is a participant in another  
11 group plan with substantially the same or greater benefits at an equivalent cost or unless the member is  
12 employed and, by virtue of that employment, is eligible to participate in another group plan with substantially the  
13 same or greater benefits at an equivalent cost;

14 (b) the surviving spouse of a member to remain a member of the group as long as the spouse is  
15 eligible for retirement benefits accrued by the deceased member as provided by law unless the spouse is  
16 eligible for medicare under the federal Health Insurance for the Aged Act or unless the spouse has or is eligible  
17 for equivalent insurance coverage as provided in subsection (1)(a);

18 (c) the surviving children of a member to remain members of the group as long as they are eligible  
19 for retirement benefits accrued by the deceased member as provided by law unless they have equivalent  
20 coverage as provided in subsection (1)(a) or are eligible for insurance coverage by virtue of the employment of  
21 a surviving parent or legal guardian.

22 (2) An insurance contract or plan issued under this part must contain the provisions of subsection  
23 (1) for remaining a member of the group and also must permit:

24 (a) the spouse of a retired member the same rights as a surviving spouse under subsection (1)(b);

25 (b) the spouse of a retiring member to convert a group policy as provided in 33-22-508; and

26 (c) continued membership in the group by anyone eligible under the provisions of this section,  
27 notwithstanding the person's eligibility for medicare under the federal Health Insurance for the Aged Act.

28 (3) (a) A state insurance contract or plan must contain provisions that permit a legislator to remain

1 a member of the state's group plan until the legislator becomes eligible for medicare under the federal Health  
2 Insurance for the Aged Act if the legislator:

3 (i) terminates service in the legislature and is a vested member of a state retirement system  
4 provided by law; and

5 (ii) notifies the department of administration in writing within 90 days of the end of the legislator's  
6 legislative term.

7 (b) A former legislator may not remain a member of the group plan under the provisions of  
8 subsection (3)(a) if the person:

9 (i) is a member of a plan with substantially the same or greater benefits at an equivalent cost; or

10 (ii) is employed and, by virtue of that employment, is eligible to participate in another group plan  
11 with substantially the same or greater benefits at an equivalent cost.

12 (c) A legislator who remains a member of the group under the provisions of subsection (3)(a) and  
13 subsequently terminates membership may not rejoin the group plan unless the person again serves as a  
14 legislator.

15 (4) (a) A state insurance contract or plan must contain provisions that permit continued  
16 membership in the state's group plan by a member of the judges' retirement system who leaves judicial office  
17 but continues to be an inactive vested member of the judges' retirement system as provided by 19-5-301. The  
18 judge shall notify the department of administration in writing within 90 days of the end of the judge's judicial  
19 service of the judge's choice to continue membership in the group plan.

20 (b) A former judge may not remain a member of the group plan under the provisions of this  
21 subsection (4) if the person:

22 (i) is a member of a plan with substantially the same or greater benefits at an equivalent cost;

23 (ii) is employed and, by virtue of that employment, is eligible to participate in another group plan  
24 with substantially the same or greater benefits at an equivalent cost; or

25 (iii) becomes eligible for medicare under the federal Health Insurance for the Aged Act.

26 (c) A judge who remains a member of the group under the provisions of this subsection (4) and  
27 subsequently terminates membership may not rejoin the group plan unless the person again serves in a  
28 position covered by the state's group plan.

1 (5) A person electing to remain a member of the group under subsection (1), (2), (3), or (4) shall  
2 pay the full premium for coverage and for that of the person's covered dependents.

3 (6) An insurance contract or plan issued under this part that provides for the dispensing of  
4 prescription drugs by an out-of-state mail service pharmacy, as defined in 37-7-702:

5 (a) must permit any member of a group to obtain prescription drugs from a pharmacy located in  
6 Montana that is willing to match the price charged to the group or plan and to meet all terms and conditions,  
7 including the same professional requirements that are met by the mail service pharmacy for a drug, without  
8 financial penalty to the member; and

9 (b) may only be with an out-of-state mail service pharmacy that is registered with the board under  
10 Title 37, chapter 7, part 7, and that is registered in this state as a foreign corporation.

11 (7) An insurance contract or plan issued under this part must include coverage for:

12 (a) treatment of inborn errors of metabolism, as provided for in 33-22-131;

13 (b) therapies for Down syndrome, as provided in 33-22-139;

14 (c) treatment for children with hearing loss as provided in 33-22-128(1) and (2);

15 (d) the care and treatment of mental illness in accordance with the provisions of Title 33, chapter  
16 22, part 7; and

17 (e) telehealth services, as provided for in 33-22-138.

18 (8) (a) An insurance contract or plan issued under this part that provides coverage for an individual  
19 in a member's family must provide coverage for well-child care for children from the moment of birth through 7  
20 years of age. Benefits provided under this coverage are exempt from any deductible provision that may be in  
21 force in the contract or plan.

22 (b) Coverage for well-child care under subsection (8)(a) must include:

23 (i) a history, physical examination, developmental assessment, anticipatory guidance, and  
24 laboratory tests, according to the schedule of visits adopted under the early and periodic screening, diagnosis,  
25 and treatment services program provided for in 53-6-101; and

26 (ii) routine immunizations according to the schedule for immunization recommended by the  
27 advisory committee on immunization practices of the U.S. department of health and human services.

28 (c) Minimum benefits may be limited to one visit payable to one provider for all of the services

1 provided at each visit as provided for in this subsection (8).

2 (d) For purposes of this subsection (8):

3 (i) "developmental assessment" and "anticipatory guidance" mean the services described in the  
4 Guidelines for Health Supervision II, published by the American academy of pediatrics; and

5 (ii) "well-child care" means the services described in subsection (8)(b) and delivered by a  
6 physician or a health care professional supervised by a physician.

7 (9) Upon renewal, an insurance contract or plan issued under this part under which coverage of a  
8 dependent terminates at a specified age must continue to provide coverage for any dependent, as defined in  
9 the insurance contract or plan, until the dependent reaches 26 years of age. For insurance contracts or plans  
10 issued under this part, the premium charged for the additional coverage of a dependent, as defined in the  
11 insurance contract or plan, may be required to be paid by the insured and not by the employer.

12 (10) Prior to issuance of an insurance contract or plan under this part, written informational  
13 materials describing the contract's or plan's cancer screening coverages must be provided to a prospective  
14 group or plan member.

15 (11) The state employee group benefit plans and the Montana university system group benefits  
16 plans must provide coverage for hospital inpatient care for a period of time as is determined by the attending  
17 physician and, in the case of a health maintenance organization, the primary care physician, in consultation  
18 with the patient to be medically necessary following a mastectomy, a lumpectomy, or a lymph node dissection  
19 for the treatment of breast cancer.

20 (12) (a) (i) The state employee group benefit plans and the Montana university system group  
21 benefits plans must provide coverage for medically necessary and prescribed outpatient self-management  
22 training and education for the treatment of diabetes. Any education must be provided by a ~~licensed health care~~  
23 ~~professional with expertise in diabetes~~ program with national accreditation from an accrediting organization  
24 certified by the centers for medicare and medicaid services for diabetes self-management training A LICENSED  
25 HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WITH EXPERTISE IN DIABETES. At a minimum, the benefit must consist of:

26 ~~(i)(A) 10 hours~~ 20 VISITS of training and education in diabetes self-management provided in either an  
27 individual or group setting if the person has not received the training and education previously; and

28 ~~(ii)(B) 6 hours~~ 12 VISITS of followup diabetes self-management training and education services in

1 subsequent years for an insured who has previously received and exhausted the initial 40 hours 20 VISITS of  
 2 education.

3 (ii) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (12)(A), THE TERM "VISIT" REFERS TO A PERIOD OF 30  
 4 MINUTES.

5 ~~(b) Coverage must include a \$250 benefit for a person each year for medically necessary and~~  
 6 ~~prescribed outpatient self-management training and education for the treatment of diabetes.~~

7 ~~(e)(b)~~ The state employee group benefit plans and the Montana university system group benefits  
 8 plans must provide coverage for diabetic equipment and supplies that at a minimum includes insulin, syringes,  
 9 injection aids, devices for self-monitoring of glucose levels (including those for the visually impaired), test strips,  
 10 visual reading and urine test strips, one insulin pump for each warranty period, accessories to insulin pumps,  
 11 one prescriptive oral agent for controlling blood sugar levels for each class of drug approved by the United  
 12 States food and drug administration, and glucagon emergency kits.

13 ~~(d)(c)~~ Nothing in ~~subsection (12)(a), (12)(b), or (12)(e)~~ subsection (12)(a) or (12)(b) prohibits the state  
 14 or the Montana university group benefit plans from providing a greater benefit or an alternative benefit of  
 15 substantially equal value, in which case subsection (12)(a), or (12)(b), ~~or (12)(e)~~, as appropriate, does not  
 16 apply.

17 ~~(e)(d)~~ Annual copayment and deductible provisions are subject to the same terms and conditions  
 18 applicable to all other covered benefits within a given policy.

19 ~~(f)(e)~~ This subsection (12) does not apply to disability income, hospital indemnity, medicare  
 20 supplement, accident-only, vision, dental, specific disease, or long-term care policies offered by the state or the  
 21 Montana university system as benefits to employees, retirees, and their dependents.

22 (13) (a) The state employee group benefit plans and the Montana university system group benefits  
 23 plans that provide coverage to the spouse or dependents of a peace officer as defined in 45-2-101, a game  
 24 warden as defined in 19-8-101, a firefighter as defined in 19-13-104, or a volunteer firefighter as defined in 19-  
 25 17-102 shall renew the coverage of the spouse or dependents if the peace officer, game warden, firefighter, or  
 26 volunteer firefighter dies within the course and scope of employment. Except as provided in subsection (13)(b),  
 27 the continuation of the coverage is at the option of the spouse or dependents. Renewals of coverage under this  
 28 section must provide for the same level of benefits as is available to other members of the group. Premiums

1 charged to a spouse or dependent under this section must be the same as premiums charged to other similarly  
 2 situated members of the group. Dependent special enrollment must be allowed under the terms of the  
 3 insurance contract or plan. The provisions of this subsection (13)(a) are applicable to a spouse or dependent  
 4 who is insured under a COBRA continuation provision.

5 (b) The state employee group benefit plans and the Montana university system group benefits  
 6 plans subject to the provisions of subsection (13)(a) may discontinue or not renew the coverage of a spouse or  
 7 dependent only if:

8 (i) the spouse or dependent has failed to pay premiums or contributions in accordance with the  
 9 terms of the state employee group benefit plans and the Montana university system group benefits plans or if  
 10 the plans have not received timely premium payments;

11 (ii) the spouse or dependent has performed an act or practice that constitutes fraud or has made  
 12 an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact under the terms of the coverage; or

13 (iii) the state employee group benefit plans and the Montana university system group benefits  
 14 plans are ceasing to offer coverage in accordance with applicable state law.

15 (14) The state employee group benefit plans and the Montana university system group benefits  
 16 plans must comply with the provisions of 33-22-153.

17 (15) An insurance contract or plan issued under this part and a group benefits plan issued by the  
 18 Montana university system must provide mental health coverage that meets the provisions of Title 33, chapter  
 19 22, part 7. (See compiler's comments for contingent termination of certain text.)"

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21 **Section 3.** Section 33-22-129, MCA, is amended to read:

22 **"33-22-129. Coverage for outpatient self-management training and education for treatment of**

23 **diabetes -- limited benefit for medically necessary equipment and supplies.** (1) Each group disability

24 policy, certificate of insurance, and membership contract that is delivered, issued for delivery, renewed,

25 extended, or modified in this state must provide coverage for outpatient self-management training and

26 education for the treatment of diabetes. Any education must be provided by a licensed health care professional

27 with expertise in diabetes.

28 (2) (a) Coverage must include a ~~\$250~~ an annual benefit for ~~a person each year~~ for medically

1 necessary and prescribed outpatient self-management training and education for the treatment of diabetes. At a  
2 minimum, the benefit must consist of:

3 (i) 40 hours 20 VISITS of training and education in diabetes self-management provided in either an  
4 individual or group setting if the person has not received the training and education previously; and  
5 (ii) 6 hours 12 VISITS of followup diabetes self-management training and education services in  
6 subsequent years for an insured who has previously received and exhausted the initial 40 hours 20 VISITS of  
7 education.

8 (b) Nothing in subsection (2)(a) prohibits an insurer from providing a greater benefit.

9 (c) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), THE TERM "VISIT" REFERS TO A PERIOD OF 30 MINUTES.

10 (3) Each group disability policy, certificate of insurance, and membership contract that is delivered,  
11 issued for delivery, renewed, extended, or modified in this state must provide coverage for diabetic equipment  
12 and supplies that is limited to insulin, syringes, injection aids, devices for self-monitoring of glucose levels  
13 (including those for the visually impaired), test strips, visual reading and urine test strips, one insulin pump for  
14 each warranty period, accessories to insulin pumps, one prescriptive oral agent for controlling blood sugar  
15 levels for each class of drug approved by the United States food and drug administration, and glucagon  
16 emergency kits.

17 (4) Annual copayment and deductible provisions are subject to the same terms and conditions  
18 applicable to all other covered benefits within a given policy.

19 (5) This section does not apply to disability income, hospital indemnity, medicare supplement,  
20 accident-only, vision, dental, specific disease, or long-term care policies.

21 (6) (a) This section does not apply to any employee group insurance program of a city, town,  
22 county, school district, or other political subdivision of this state that on January 1, 2002, provides substantially  
23 equivalent or greater coverage for outpatient self-management training and education for the treatment of  
24 diabetes and certain diabetic equipment and supplies provided for in subsection (3).

25 (b) Any employee group insurance program of a city, town, county, school district, or other political  
26 subdivision of this state that reduces or discontinues substantially equivalent or greater coverage after January  
27 1, 2002, is subject to the provisions of this section."  
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1           **Section 4.** Section 33-35-306, MCA, is amended to read:

2           **"33-35-306. Application of insurance code to arrangements.** (1) In addition to this chapter, self-  
3 funded multiple employer welfare arrangements are subject to the following provisions:

4           (a)     33-1-111;

5           (b)     Title 33, chapter 1, part 4, but the examination of a self-funded multiple employer welfare  
6 arrangement is limited to those matters to which the arrangement is subject to regulation under this chapter;

7           (c)     Title 33, chapter 1, part 7;

8           (d)     Title 33, chapter 2, parts 23 and 24;

9           (e)     33-3-308;

10          (f)     Title 33, chapter 7;

11          (g)     Title 33, chapter 18, except 33-18-242;

12          (h)     Title 33, chapter 19;

13          (i)     33-22-107, 33-22-128, 33-22-131, 33-22-134, 33-22-135, 33-22-138, 33-22-139, 33-22-141,  
14 33-22-142, 33-22-152, and 33-22-153;

15          (j)     \_\_\_\_\_ [section 1];

16          ~~(j)~~(k) 33-22-512, 33-22-515, 33-22-525, and 33-22-526;

17          ~~(k)~~(l) Title 33, chapter 22, part 7; and

18          ~~(l)~~(m) 33-22-707.

19          (2)     Except as provided in this chapter, other provisions of Title 33 do not apply to a self-funded  
20 multiple employer welfare arrangement that has been issued a certificate of authority that has not been  
21 revoked."

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23           NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
24 integral part of Title 33, chapter 22, part 3, and the provisions of Title 33, chapter 22, part 3, apply to [section 1].

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26           NEW SECTION. **Section 6. Effective date.** [This act] is effective January 1, 2024.

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