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House of Representatives, January 11, 1996

An Act to Require That Diabetes Supplies and Self-management Training be Covered by Health Insurance Policies.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26. Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JONES of Pittsfield.
Cosponsored by Representatives: AIKMAN of Poland, AULT of Wayne, BARTH of Bethel, BOUFFARD of Lewiston, CHASE of China, CHICK of Lebanon, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, DEXTER of Kingfield, GATES of Rockport, GERRY of Auburn, JOY of Crystal, LIBBY of Kennebunk, LOOK of Jonesboro, MADORE of Augusta, McELROY of Unity, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, MITCHELL of Portland, NICKERSON of Turner, PAUL of Sanford, PENDLETON of Scarborough, POIRIER of Saco, REED of Dexter, RICHARD of Madison, SAXL of Portland, SIROIS of Caribou, STEDMAN of Hartland, TRUE of Fryeburg, TYLER of Windham, Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, CAREY of Kennebec, CIANCHETTE of Somerset, LORD of York.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:	
Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2754 is enacted to read:	
§2754. Coverage for diabetes supplies	
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An insurer that issues or issues for delivery in this State individual health policies shall provide coverage for all	
medically appropriate and necessary equipment, supplies and	
out-patient self-management training and educational services	
used to treat diabetes, if:	2
1. Certification of medical necessity. The insured's	c.
treating physician or a physician who specializes in the	
treatment of diabetes certifies that such services are necessary	
and	L
2. Provision of medical services. Those diabete	s
out-patient self-management training and educational services ar	
provided under the direct supervision of a certified diabete	s
educator or a board-certified endocrinologist an	
medical-nutrition therapy is provided by a licensed, registere	<u>d</u>
dietitian.	
Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2847-E is enacted to read:	
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§2847-E. Coverage for diabetes supplies	
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STATEMENT OF FACT	
This bill requires that individual and group health insurer	
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equipment, supplies and out-patient self-management training ar	ıd
educational services used to treat diabetes.	