

Wilmington, Delaware
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WHEREAS, The American Diabetes Association reports that more than 30 million

Sponsor:

Americans have diabetes, and 7.4 million of those adults use one or more formulations of insulin; and

**Council
Member
McCoy**

WHEREAS, Insulin costs for diabetes patients in the United States almost tripled

Co-Sponsors:

between 2002 and 2013, and increased by 15% to 17% from 2013 to 2016 according to the University of Southern California's Schaeffer Center, one of the nation's premier policy centers. PolicyMap and the Center for Disease Control report that Delaware residents with diabetes pay an average of \$160 for out of pocket cost on prescription medications; and

**Council
President
Shabazz**

**Council
Members
Johnson
Dixon**

WHEREAS, a 2018 study done by the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services indicated that 24% of Delaware adults currently have or at serious risk of developing diabetes. PolicyMap and the Center for Disease Control reports that in 2017, 12.4% of Wilmington residents have diabetes; and

WHEREAS, On January 30, 2020 the Delaware House of Representatives passed House Bill 263 which requires individual, group, and State insurance plans to cap the amount the employee must pay for insulin prescriptions at \$100 a month. In addition, House Bill 263 requires insurance plans to include at least 1 formulation of insulin on the lowest tier of the drug formulary developed and maintained by the carrier; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 263 is sponsored by Senator Brown and Representative Dorsey Walker, who both represent the City of Wilmington. House Bill 263 is also co-sponsored by Representative Chukwuocha, Representative Bolden, Representative Brady,

Representative Cooke and Senator McDowell and Senator Lockman, who all represent the City of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 263 is currently awaiting consideration in the Senate Health & Social Services Committee and has been since February 28, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the City Council supports House Bill 263 and strongly encourages the Senate Health & Social Services Committee to bring House Bill 263 into consideration and ultimately pass this important piece of legislation. House Bill 263 will provide a highly beneficial service to residents throughout Delaware and in the City of Wilmington to reduce the cost of insulin, a vital medication for those managing diabetes. House Bill 263 is important to improve the health and wellbeing of Wilmington and Delaware residents living with diabetes.

Passed by City Council,

Attest: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution expresses strong support from the Wilmington City Council for the passage of House Bill 263 which requires individual, group, and State insurance plans to cap the amount the employee must pay for insulin prescriptions at \$100 a month, and requires insurance plans to include at least 1 formulation of insulin on the lowest tier of the drug formulary developed and maintained by the carrier. Wilmington City Council encourages the Senate Health & Social Services Committee to pass this important piece of legislation.