

August 5, 2022

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Support Out-of-Pocket Cap on Insulin in the Inflation Reduction Act

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

Our organizations represent the overwhelming majority of the nation's diabetes community—a group of more than 37 million Americans who bear a disproportionate share of the nation's medical costs and who account for \$1 in every \$4 spent on health care in the United States today. Together we urge you and your colleagues to support important changes to reduce the cost of insulin in the Inflation Reduction Act. Establishing a \$35 monthly copay cap on insulin for individuals with both commercial insurance and Medicare will greatly benefit millions of Americans who rely on insulin to survive. In particular, this out-of-pocket limit in the commercial insurance market will help nearly 40 percent of people with diabetes who have private insurance, including large numbers of working Americans who are struggling to make ends meet in this economy.

The cost of insulin nearly tripled between 2002 and 2013, and the trend upward has continued over the past decade, leading to substantial increases in out-of-pocket costs for patients. Lack of access to affordable insulin will only become more dangerous for the diabetes community the longer Congress waits to act. We believe limiting out-of-pocket costs for insulin for those with commercial insurance and Medicare is a necessary step toward broader reforms to bring down the cost of insulin for all Americans with diabetes who need this life-saving medication.

Please prioritize Americans with diabetes, and support these critical insulin provisions. We thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

American Diabetes Association
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
American Podiatric Medical Association
Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists

Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education
Children with Diabetes
Diabetes Leadership Council
Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition
Endocrine Society
JDRF
National Kidney Foundation