

**Over 38 million Americans live with diabetes and nearly 98 million more have prediabetes**, and the epidemic keeps growing. Every 26 seconds, someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with diabetes. With every diagnosis, another American can face terrible complications, including kidney failure, blindness, avoidable amputation, and even death.

The American Diabetes Association® (ADA) is the nation's leading voluntary health organization fighting to end the diabetes epidemic and help people living with diabetes thrive. For over 80 years, the ADA has driven discovery and research to treat, manage, and prevent diabetes while working relentlessly for a cure. We help people with diabetes and related health problems thrive by fighting for their rights and developing programs, advocacy, and education designed to improve their quality of life.

## The ADA urges the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress to make diabetes a priority.

### Support Funding Increases for FY 2025 Federal Diabetes Research and Prevention Programs

- **Fund the NIH's National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) at \$2.5 billion.** This federal agency conducts research to find a cure and advance treatments for diabetes. This investment in NIDDK is needed to advance the nation's efforts to develop new and superior treatments, enhance disease detection and management, improve the prevention of diabetes, and ultimately discover a cure.
- **Fund the CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation (DDT) at \$168.6 million.** The DDT's mission is to eliminate the preventable burden of diabetes through research and education by translating science into clinical practice. This investment in the DDT will allow the CDC to build upon its innovative diabetes translational research, strengthen surveillance efforts, and expand national state and community programs.
- **Reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program/Special Diabetes Program for Indians SDP/SDPI for five years at \$200 million a year to bolster the program** for Americans living with diabetes. SDP provides critical funding for research toward a cure for type 1 diabetes and funding for type 2 diabetes prevention and management activities in Native American communities.
- **Fund the National Diabetes Prevention Program (National DPP) at \$40 million a year.** The National DPP, an evidence-based lifestyle change program, has been proven to reduce the onset of new diabetes cases in individuals with prediabetes by 58% (71% for those 60 and older).

### Ensure Insulin Is Affordable

- **Support limits on cost-sharing for insulin**, ensuring people with commercial insurance do not have to pay more than \$35 per month for the medication they rely on to survive. The ADA is grateful that the Inflation Reduction Act, signed into law in 2022, caps the cost of insulin at \$35 per month for Medicare beneficiaries. We urge Congress to build upon this momentum and extend the \$35 per month insulin cap to include patients with commercial health insurance.

### Support Preventing Diabetes by Treating Obesity

- **Pass the amended Treat and Reduce Obesity Act (TROA) of 2024** to reduce obesity amongst older Americans by allowing seniors newly enrolling into Medicare to continue to receive access to obesity treatment, services, and programs.

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