



## Legislation Would Cap Monthly Out-Of-Pocket Cost for Insulin

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed legislation (HR 6833) that, if enacted into law, would cap an individual's out-of-pocket cost for insulin at \$35 per month. Sponsored by Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN), the "Affordable Insulin Now Act" would apply to individuals enrolled in private health insurance and Medicare Part D, and would take effect in 2023. The bill, which passed in the House by a vote of 232-193, would not help the uninsured.

Costs to treat diabetes and other life-threatening ailments have skyrocketed in recent years. According to the Health Care Costs Institute, insulin prices nearly doubled from 2012 to 2016, with the average price for a 40-day supply of insulin increasing from \$344 to \$666. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

medical costs and lost wages for people diagnosed with diabetes total \$327 billion yearly.

Rep. Craig also previously introduced the bipartisan Insulin Affordability Data Collection Act (HR 5691) which would direct the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to study rates of diabetic ketoacidosis and look into how high insulin prices make it more difficult for people with diabetes to adhere to their insulin prescriptions.

The legislation is also supported by a number of drug pricing advocates, including the American Diabetes Association (ADA), the leading advocate for an insulin out-of-pocket patient co-pay cap. "The bill's \$35 monthly out-of-pocket cap on insulin could be life-changing for the millions of Americans with diabetes who use insulin. This legislation is especially important for the one in four individuals with diabetes who were forced to ration their insulin during the COVID-19 pandemic due to increasing cost," the ADA said.

An opponent of the measure called it "a partisan exercise that will only reshuffle the decks for how patients pay for insulin."

A companion bill in the Senate (S 3700), sponsored by Raphael Warnock (D-GA), faces uncertainty and will likely need Republican votes to become law.

[Full text of the Affordable Insulin Now Act \(HR 6833\) \(Congress.gov\)](#)

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