



AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Purpose: To establish a pilot program for providing affordable insulin to uninsured individuals and to establish an insulin resource center and hotline for uninsured individuals.

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S. 4189

To reduce the price of insulin and provide for patient protections with respect to the cost of insulin.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. BALDWIN (for
herself and Ms. COLLINS)

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . PILOT PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING AFFORDABLE**
3 **INSULIN TO UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS.**

4 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 **“SEC. 399V-8. PILOT PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING AFFORD-**
8 **ABLE INSULIN TO UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS.**

9 **“(a) IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary shall conduct a 5-
10 year pilot program under which the Secretary awards

1 grants to 10 States for purposes of providing affordable
2 insulin to uninsured individuals.

3 “(b) AWARDS.—The Secretary shall award grants
4 under this section to 10 States that—

5 “(1) submit an application to the Secretary, at
6 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
7 formation as the Secretary may require; and

8 “(2) have high rates of uninsured individuals
9 and individuals diagnosed with diabetes, which may
10 include high rates of newly diagnosed diabetes.

11 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—A State shall use the grant
12 funds received under this section for any of the following
13 purposes:

14 “(1) To assist in the purchase or dispensing of
15 insulin, through Federally-qualified health centers
16 and retail community pharmacies, for uninsured in-
17 dividuals.

18 “(2) To provide assistance to individuals in pro-
19 grams under which drug manufacturers provide fi-
20 nancial or medication assistance to low-income indi-
21 viduals, in order to assist such individuals in obtain-
22 ing insulin.

23 “(3) To support Federally-qualified health cen-
24 ters to establish new, or maintain or expand exist-
25 ing, on-site pharmacies owned and operated by the

1 health center that provide low-cost insulin to pa-
2 tients, and to support retail community pharmacies
3 in providing low-cost insulin to patients.

4 “(4) To engage in other activities to assist un-
5 insured individuals in obtaining insulin, as the Sec-
6 retary determines appropriate.

7 “(d) FORMULA.—The Secretary shall establish a for-
8 mula for purposes of determining the grant amount under
9 this section for each State. Such formula shall—

10 “(1) provide for a minimum amount that will
11 be provided to each State; and

12 “(2) take into account the rates of individuals
13 with type 1 or type 2, insulin-dependent diabetes
14 and of uninsured individuals in each State for pur-
15 poses of determining any additional amounts pro-
16 vided to a State.

17 “(e) ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT.—A State
18 receiving a grant under this section shall, not later than
19 1 year after receiving the grant, submit a report to the
20 Secretary that includes—

21 “(1) a description of the purposes for which the
22 grant funds received by the State were expended in
23 the preceding fiscal year, and the activities of the
24 State under the grant during such year; and

1 “(2) the number of individuals served through
2 the grant.

3 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) AFFORDABLE.—The term ‘affordable’,
5 with respect to insulin, means that the out-of-pocket
6 cost to the individual for the insulin is not more
7 than \$35 per 1-month supply.

8 “(2) FEDERALLY-QUALIFIED HEALTH CEN-
9 TER.—The term ‘Federally-qualified health center’
10 has the meaning given such term in section
11 1905(l)(2) of the Social Security Act.

12 “(3) INSULIN.—The term ‘insulin’ means insu-
13 lin that is licensed under subsection (a) or (k) of
14 section 351 and continues to be marketed under
15 such section.

16 “(4) RETAIL COMMUNITY PHARMACY.—The
17 term ‘retail community pharmacy’ has the meaning
18 given such term in section 1927(k)(10) of the Social
19 Security Act.

20 “(5) UNINSURED INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘un-
21 insured individual’ means an individual who—

22 “(A) is a citizen of the United States or a
23 qualified alien (as defined in section 431(b) of
24 the Personal Responsibility and Work Oppor-
25 tunity Reconciliation Act of 1996); and

1 “(B) is not enrolled in coverage under a
2 Federal health care program (as defined in sec-
3 tion 1128B(f) of the Social Security Act), the
4 health program established under chapter 89 of
5 title 5, United States Code, or a group health
6 plan or group health insurance coverage (as de-
7 fined in section 2791).

8 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
9 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
10 priated \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2027, to remain
11 available until expended.”.

12 **SEC. ____ . INSULIN RESOURCE CENTER AND HOTLINE FOR**
13 **UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
15 Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
16 retary”) shall award a grant to an eligible entity for pur-
17 poses of—

18 (1) establishing and maintaining a resource
19 center of assistance programs offered by manufac-
20 tures or other entities that are available to unin-
21 sured individuals seeking affordable insulin; and

22 (2) conducting the public education activities
23 described in subsection (c)(7).

24 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive
25 the grant under subsection (a), an entity shall—

1 (1) be a trade, industry, or professional associa-
2 tion, community- and consumer-focused nonprofit
3 entity, or other entity, as determined by the Sec-
4 retary that—

5 (A) is capable of carrying out the duties
6 described in subsection (c);

7 (B) meets the standards described in sub-
8 section (e); and

9 (C) provides information consistent with
10 the standards developed under subsection (f);
11 and

12 (2) submit an application to the Secretary, at
13 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
14 formation as the Secretary may require, including
15 information demonstrating that the entity—

16 (A) has existing relationships, or could
17 readily establish relationships, with consumers
18 (including uninsured individuals), health care
19 providers, manufacturers of insulin, social serv-
20 ice providers, pharmacies, and other experts
21 that the Secretary determines appropriate, to
22 meet the goals of this section; and

23 (B) has, or will establish, partnerships
24 with, and solicit feedback from, other entities in
25 other industries, professional associations, and

1 community- and consumer-focused nonprofit or-
2 ganizations, to meet the goals of this section.

3 (c) DUTIES.—An entity that receives a grant under
4 this section shall—

5 (1) distribute fair and impartial information
6 concerning eligibility for manufacturer, foundational,
7 and other assistance programs available to patients
8 seeking affordable insulin;

9 (2) facilitate enrollment in manufacturer assist-
10 ance programs or other assistance programs for un-
11 insured individuals;

12 (3) make available to the public, through a
13 standardized website, a clearinghouse of support
14 available to patients, including—

15 (A) a link to Federally-qualified health
16 centers and other providers, by ZIP Code;

17 (B) a link to retail community pharmacies,
18 by ZIP Code; and

19 (C) information about how to enroll in
20 health insurance;

21 (4) provide information in a manner that is cul-
22 turally and linguistically appropriate;

23 (5) establish a hotline through which individ-
24 uals may reach experts with questions about access
25 to insulin, and that—

1 (A) is a 24/7 real-time hotline;

2 (B) provides voice and text support; and

3 (C) is staffed by navigators or licensed
4 health care professionals;

5 (6) provide guidance to hospitals on how to
6 share the website and hotline with patients; and

7 (7) conduct public education activities, in col-
8 laboration with the Department of Health and
9 Human Services, to raise awareness of the avail-
10 ability of all manufacturer, foundational, and other
11 assistance programs available to patients seeking af-
12 fordable insulin, with a focus on uninsured individ-
13 uals; including by—

14 (A) partnering with community health cen-
15 ters, hospitals, retail community pharmacies,
16 and community-based organizations with a
17 focus on access to affordable medicine; and

18 (B) working with State and local health
19 departments to target the programs carried out
20 using the grant to underserved communities.

21 (d) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary
22 shall—

23 (1) ensure adequate maintenance of the re-
24 source center established by the entity receiving a
25 grant under subsection (a);

1 (2) publicize such resource center on the
2 website of the Department of Health and Human
3 Services and across Federal agencies, as the Sec-
4 retary determines appropriate; and

5 (3) ensure that such resource center meets the
6 standards under subsection (e), and withdraw the
7 grant and make an award to a different eligible enti-
8 ty in the case that an eligible entity fails to meet
9 such standards.

10 (e) STANDARDS.—The Secretary shall establish
11 standards for the resource center under this section, in-
12 cluding provisions to ensure that the entity receiving a
13 grant under this section is qualified to engage in the ac-
14 tivities described in this section and to avoid conflicts of
15 interest. Under such standards, such entity—

16 (1) shall not—

17 (A) be a manufacturer of insulin products;

18 or

19 (B) receive any consideration directly or
20 indirectly from any manufacturer of insulin
21 products in connection with the enrollment of
22 any individuals in an assistance program; and

23 (2) shall provide information that is fair, accu-
24 rate, and impartial.

1 (f) DATA COLLECTION AND EVALUATIONS.—The
2 Secretary may collect data and conduct evaluations with
3 respect to the services provided by the resource center de-
4 scribed in this section for purposes of assessing the extent
5 to which the provision of the services—

6 (1) reduces out of pocket insulin costs for unin-
7 sured individuals;

8 (2) increases awareness of assistance programs
9 or foundational support available for uninsured indi-
10 viduals; and

11 (3) improves utilization of the resources de-
12 scribed in paragraph (2) by uninsured individuals.

13 (g) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall
14 submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,
15 and Pensions and the Committee on Appropriations of the
16 Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce and
17 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives, and make publicly available, annual reports
19 on the activities carried out under this section, including
20 any changes in the availability or scope of assistance pro-
21 grams offered by insulin manufacturers and information
22 about the number of individuals who use the resource cen-
23 ter, including the website or hotline.

24 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1 (1) the term “assistance program” means a
2 program to assist patients in obtaining a drug at a
3 reduced cost, and includes third-party payments, fi-
4 nancial assistance, discounts, product vouchers, and
5 other reductions in out-of-pocket expenses;

6 (2) the term “Federally-qualified health center”
7 has the meaning given such term in section
8 1905(l)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9 1396d(l)(2));

10 (3) the term “insulin” means insulin that is li-
11 censed under subsection (a) or (k) of section 351 of
12 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262) and
13 continues to be marketed pursuant to such licensure;

14 (4) the term “retail community pharmacy” has
15 the meaning given such term in section 1927(k)(10)
16 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-
17 8(k)(10)); and

18 (5) the term “uninsured individual” means an
19 individual who is not enrolled in coverage under a
20 Federal health care program (as defined in section
21 1128B(f) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
22 1320a-7b(f))), the health program established under
23 chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, or a group
24 health plan or group health insurance coverage (as

1 defined in section 2791 of the Public Health Service
2 Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-91)).

3 (i) FUNDING.—To carry out this section, there are
4 authorized to be appropriated \$2,000,000 for each of fis-
5 cal years 2027 through 2032.