

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INCLUDING MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, THAT THE INSURED'S OR ENROLLEE'S TREATING PHYSICIAN OR OTHER APPROPRIATELY LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, OR A PHYSICIAN WHO SPECIALIZES IN THE TREATMENT OF DIABETES, CERTIFIES ARE NECESSARY FOR THE TREATMENT OF:

- (1) INSULIN-USING DIABETES;
- (2) NONINSULIN-USING DIABETES; OR
- (3) ELEVATED BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVELS INDUCED BY PREGNANCY.

(C) IF CERTIFIED AS NECESSARY UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE DIABETES OUTPATIENT SELF-MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INCLUDING MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, TO BE PROVIDED TO THE INSURED OR ENROLLEE SHALL BE PROVIDED THROUGH A PROGRAM SUPERVISED BY AN APPROPRIATELY LICENSED, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHOSE SCOPE OF PRACTICE INCLUDES DIABETES EDUCATION OR MANAGEMENT.

(D) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLES OR COINSURANCE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION FOR SIMILAR COVERAGES UNDER THE SAME HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY OR CONTRACT.

(2) THE ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLES OR COINSURANCE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE GREATER THAN THE ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLES OR COINSURANCE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE ENTITY FOR SIMILAR COVERAGES.

(E) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT REDUCE OR ELIMINATE COVERAGES IN ITS HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS DUE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

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(N) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-822 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE SHALL APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all policies or health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1998.

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