

The Honorable Susan Donovan Chair, House Committee on Health & Human Services
State House

82 Smith Street

Providence, RI 02903

RE: H7075, H7188

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee:

I would like to present testimony in support of House Bill 7075. I am a general pediatrician and a member of the faculty at the Warren Alpert school of medicine at Brown University. This bill will require that health plans that provide prescription benefits to cover at least one type of glucagon auto-injector, nasal spray, or formulation that does not require reconstitution to treat hypoglycemia. No copayment or deductible would be required. One of the many complications that face children and adults who have Diabetes is low blood sugar also known as hypoglycemia. If low blood sugar is not treated promptly, it may cause seizures, brain damage and even death. As we all know health care is remarkably expensive for all. ***Insurance coverage for glucagon products is a relatively low -cost critical and potentially life-saving medication.*** It should be covered without co-pay or deductible by all health insurers who are licensed in Rhode Island.

I appreciate your time in reviewing this testimony and appreciate your support for this bill.

Sincerely yours,

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