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# H. R. 2179

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate cost-sharing with respect to coverage of insulin as a covered part D drug and associated medical supplies and to provide mail order access to insulin and such supplies under the Medicare program during the COVID–19 emergency period.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2021

Ms. WATERS (for herself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. CHU, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. CARSON, Mr. COHEN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. HASTINGS, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. BROWN, Ms. BASS, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. WELCH, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. KILDEE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Affordable Insulin for  
5 the COVID–19 Emergency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATING COST-SHARING WITH RESPECT TO**  
7                    **COVERAGE OF INSULIN AS A COVERED PART**  
8                    **D DRUG AND ASSOCIATED MEDICAL SUP-**  
9                    **PLIES UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM**  
10                   **DURING THE COVID–19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.**

11        (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1860D–2 of the Social  
12 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–102) is amended—

13                (1) in subsection (b)—

14                    (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “The  
15 coverage” and inserting “Subject to paragraph  
16 (8), the coverage”;

17                    (B) in paragraph (2)—

18                                (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting  
19 after “Subject to subparagraphs (C) and  
20 (D)” the following: “and paragraph (8)”;

21                                (ii) in subparagraph (C)(i), by strik-  
22 ing “paragraph (4)” and inserting “para-  
23 graphs (4) and (8)”;

1 (iii) in subparagraph (D)(i), by strik-  
2 ing “paragraph (4)” and inserting “para-  
3 graphs (4) and (8)”;

4 (C) in paragraph (4)(A)(i), by striking  
5 “The coverage” and inserting “Subject to para-  
6 graph (8), the coverage”; and

7 (D) by adding at the end the following new  
8 paragraph:

9 “(8) ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING FOR IN-  
10 SULIN AND ASSOCIATED MEDICAL SUPPLIES DURING  
11 THE COVID–19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.—The coverage  
12 does not impose any deductible, copayment, coinsur-  
13 ance, or other cost-sharing for insulin (as described  
14 in subparagraph (B) of subsection (e)(1)) or medical  
15 supplies associated with the injection of insulin (as  
16 described in such subparagraph) during the emer-  
17 gency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B).”;  
18 and

19 (2) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the  
20 following new paragraph:

21 “(4) SAME ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING FOR  
22 CERTAIN COVERED PART D DRUGS DURING THE  
23 COVID–19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.—The coverage is in  
24 accordance with subsection (b)(8).”.

1 (b) ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING FOR INSULIN  
2 AND CERTAIN ASSOCIATED MEDICAL SUPPLIES FUR-  
3 NISHED TO PART D ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE  
4 SUBSIDY ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—Section 1860D–14(a)  
5 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–114(a)) is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (D)—

9 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “In the  
10 case of” and inserting “Subject to sub-  
11 paragraph (F), in the case of”; and

12 (ii) in clause (iii), by striking “In the  
13 case of” and inserting “Subject to sub-  
14 paragraph (F), in the case of”; and

15 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
16 subparagraph:

17 “(F) ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING FOR  
18 CERTAIN COVERED PART D DRUGS DURING THE  
19 COVID–19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.—Coverage that  
20 is in accordance with section 1860D–2(b)(8).”;  
21 and

22 (2) in paragraph (2)—

23 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “The  
24 substitution” and inserting “Subject to sub-  
25 paragraph (F), the substitution”;

1 (B) in subparagraph (E), by inserting  
2 after “Subject to” the following: “subparagraph  
3 (F) and”; and

4 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
5 subparagraph:

6 “(F) ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING FOR  
7 CERTAIN COVERED PART D DRUGS DURING THE  
8 COVID–19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.—Coverage that  
9 is in accordance with section 1860D–2(b)(8).”.

10 **SEC. 3. MAIL ORDER ACCESS OF INSULIN AND ASSOCIATED**  
11 **MEDICAL SUPPLIES UNDER THE MEDICARE**  
12 **PROGRAM DURING THE COVID–19 EMER-**  
13 **GENCY PERIOD.**

14 Section 1860D–4(b)(4)(A) of the Social Security Act  
15 (42 U.S.C. 1395w–104(b)(4)(A)) is amended—

16 (1) by striking “subject to subparagraph (B)”  
17 and inserting “subject to subparagraphs (B) and  
18 (C)”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
20 paragraph:

21 “(C) MAIL ORDER.—A prescription drug  
22 plan or MA–PD plan shall permit such part D  
23 eligible individual enrolled in such plan to ob-  
24 tain such fill or refill of insulin (as described in  
25 subparagraph (B) of section 1860D–2(e)(1)) or

1           medical supplies associated with the injection of  
2           insulin (as described in such subparagraph), at  
3           the option of such individual, by mail order to  
4           the home of such individual.”.

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