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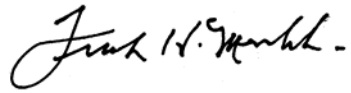
Resolution on Diabetes Care

- WHEREAS**, 18.2 million Americans, or 6.3% of the population, live with diabetes;
- WHEREAS**, diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States;
- WHEREAS**, several states now have incidence rates of diabetes greater than 10%;
- WHEREAS**, about one third of Americans living with diabetes do not know that they have the disease;
- WHEREAS**, the total cost of diagnosed cases of diabetes in the United States is estimated as more than \$130 billion annually;
- WHEREAS**, improperly managed diabetes often leads to costly diabetes related complications;
- WHEREAS**, once identified, these diabetes related complications have a tremendous impact and exact a substantial toll on state Medicaid programs;
- WHEREAS**, with affordable access to appropriate medications, supplies and services, patients' lives are improved by a reduced risk of diabetes related complications including a decreased risk of heart disease, lower-extremity amputation rates, fewer cases of blindness, reduced need for additional costly medical interventions, and fewer emergency room visits and hospitalizations;
- WHEREAS**, numerous studies demonstrate that diabetes treatments and therapies improve diabetes control and reduce the incidence of, while significantly reducing the costs to public and private health insurance programs from, complications due to diabetes;
- WHEREAS**, laws enacted in forty-six states require insurers and managed care plans to cover medically necessary medications, supplies, equipment and services for people with diabetes;

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED that The Council of State Governments encourages all state legislators to oppose efforts to roll back, weaken or eliminate existing provisions requiring health insurers of all forms to cover necessary medications, supplies, equipment and education needed to appropriately self-manage diabetes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CSG encourages those states without legal provisions enacted requiring state regulated health insurers of all forms to enact legal provisions requiring state regulated health insurers of all forms to cover necessary medications, supplies, equipment and education needed for people living with diabetes to appropriately self-manage diabetes.

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