

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Gelser
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Steiner Hayward

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 22 – 2 – 2

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, Nathanson, Read,
Richardson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays: Freeman, Hanna

Exc: McLane

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett

Nays:

Exc: Winters

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Meeting Date: June 25, 2013

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits health benefit plans from imposing copayment, coinsurance requirement or deductible on covered health services, medications or supplies medically necessary for management of diabetes from conception through six weeks postpartum. Clarifies cost-sharing prohibition is for health services, medications and supplies medically necessary for pregnant woman to manager her diabetes. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Other Funds fiscal impact

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Diabetic women who become pregnant have a higher risk of birth abnormalities, in utero or neonatal demise, as well as delivery problems as a result of the fetus' exposure to high blood sugars. Generally, these women also face a higher risk of pre-eclampsia, placenta previa and other conditions than non-diabetic pregnant women. Diabetic women who become pregnant require increased testing, prescriptions, supplies, equipment and required weekly visits to ensure their health and safety. Proponents assert that these women with commercial insurance face increased barriers to accessing the necessary pre-natal care.

House Bill 2432-A prohibits cost sharing for health services, medications and supplies medically necessary for a pregnant woman to manager her diabetes from conception to six weeks postpartum.