

HOUSE BILL 134

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Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2020

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Prescription Insulin Drugs – Limits on Copayment and**
3 **Coinsurance**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health
5 maintenance organizations to limit the cumulative amount a covered individual is
6 required to pay in copayments or coinsurance for a covered prescription insulin drug
7 to a certain amount; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed
8 effective date; and generally relating to coverage for prescription insulin drugs under
9 health insurance.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Insurance

12 Section 15–822.1

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Insurance**

18 **15–822.1.**

19 **(A) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:**

20 **(I) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT**
21 **PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS**
22 **UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS THAT ARE DELIVERED IN THE**
23 **STATE; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(II) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE**
2 **COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER**
3 **CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.**

4 **(2) AN INSURER, A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, OR A HEALTH**
5 **MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION**
6 **DRUGS AND DEVICES THROUGH A PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER IS SUBJECT TO**
7 **THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

8 **(B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL LIMIT THE CUMULATIVE**
9 **AMOUNT A COVERED INDIVIDUAL IS REQUIRED TO PAY IN COPAYMENTS OR**
10 **COINSURANCE FOR A COVERED PRESCRIPTION INSULIN DRUG TO NOT MORE THAN**
11 **\$100, REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT OR TYPE OF INSULIN NEEDED TO FILL THE**
12 **COVERED INDIVIDUAL'S PRESCRIPTIONS.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all
14 policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or
15 after January 1, 2021.

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 January 1, 2021.