

1 H.669

2 Introduced by Representative Helm of Castleton

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; health insurance; diabetes treatment

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require health insurers to provide
7 coverage for medication and treatment of pain associated with diabetes.

8 An act relating to insurance coverage for expanded diabetes treatment

9 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

10 Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4089c is amended to read:

11 § 4089c. DIABETES TREATMENT

12 (a)(1) A health insurer shall provide coverage for the equipment, supplies,
13 medication, and outpatient self-management training and education, including
14 medical nutrition therapy, for the treatment of insulin dependent diabetes,
15 ~~insulin-using~~ insulin-using diabetes, gestational diabetes ~~and noninsulin-using~~,
16 noninsulin-using diabetes, and the treatment of pain associated with
17 complications of diabetes, including diabetic peripheral neuropathy and other
18 comorbid conditions, if prescribed by a health care professional legally
19 authorized to prescribe such items under law. A health insurer may require

1 that such prescriptions be made, and care be given, by a health care
2 professional under contract with the insurer.

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4 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on October 1, 2010, and shall apply to all health
6 insurance plans on and after October 1, 2010, on such date as a health insurer
7 offers, issues, or renews the health insurance plan, but in no event later than
8 October 1, 2011.