



Connected for Life

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Dear Chair Wiklund, Vice Chair Mann, and Members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the American Diabetes Association (ADA) to urge your support of S.F. 1402.

The ADA takes a considerable interest in physician payment system rules, as diabetes is a complex, chronic illness that requires continuous medical care, often times from a wide variety of providers. It is of great importance to us to ensure the viability of the many practicing providers and the related public health programs that touch our community.

People living with diabetes get services from a full range of providers. In addition to providers like endocrinologists, podiatrists, nephrologists, diabetes care and education specialists, dietitians, and ophthalmologists, among others; 90% of individuals with type 2 diabetes receive their care through their primary care provider.^{1,2}

Adequate reimbursement for all members of a primary care team improves patient support and care management.³ Team-based care models benefit primary care practices only if they are fully staffed with a range of professionals offering people with diabetes a treatment plan, counseling through lifestyle changes, technology assistance, and follow-up to support disease management.⁴

Minnesotans across the state depend on the Medical Assistance program to get access to the care needed to treat their medical conditions. Roughly one in four Minnesotans rely on Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare for their healthcare. If services were to be reduced or cut it would greatly impact people living with diabetes.

We respectfully ask the committee to support passage of S.F. 1402.

Sincerely,

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² Shrivastav M, Gibson W Jr, Shrivastav R, et al. Type 2 diabetes management in primary care: the role of retrospective, professional continuous glucose monitoring. Diabetes Spectr 2018;31:279–287

³ Diabetes Management: A Case Study to Drive National Policy Change in Primary Care Settings Raveendhara R. Bannuru, Francisco Prieto, Lisa Murdock and Elise Tollefson The Annals of Family Medicine November 2024, 22 (6) 550-556; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1370/afm.3175>

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