

American Diabetes Association Insulin Affordability Petition

**STAND
UP FOR
AFFORDABLE
INSULIN**



Insulin isn't a luxury; it's the difference between life and death for those who need it. Yet the cost of insulin is increasing at an alarming rate. It's time for change. Join the American Diabetes Association in calling for action. Add your name to the petition below and tell:

- All entities in the insulin supply chain that we need transparency, affordability and access, and that no one who relies on insulin should have to wonder if they'll be able to afford it, and;
- Congress to hold hearings to identify the reasons for the dramatic increases in insulin prices and to take action to ensure all people who need insulin have affordable access to this lifesaving medication.

PETITION:

WHEREAS, people with diabetes who use insulin need this medication every day of their lives in order to live;

WHEREAS, healthcare providers work with people who use insulin to determine the types and quantities of insulin necessary to successfully manage their diabetes and to reduce long and short term health consequences, including blindness, amputation, kidney failure, heart attack, stroke, and death;

WHEREAS, the annual cost of diabetes, gestational diabetes, and prediabetes in the United States skyrocketed to \$322 billion in 2012, a 48 percent increase in just five years;

WHEREAS, the cost of insulin has risen steadily and steeply, creating financial hardships for individuals who rely on it to survive, particularly those who are uninsured or underinsured;

WHEREAS, between 2002 and 2013 the average price of insulin nearly tripled;

WHEREAS, insulin is frequently cited as one of the most expensive categories of drugs by private and government healthcare payers, with insulin leading the list of price hikes for non-generic drugs in a recent government report on Medicare spending;

WHEREAS, insulin pricing is driven by a complex supply chain consisting of many players including manufacturers, wholesalers, pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), insurers and pharmacies

WHEREAS, in much of Europe, insulin costs about a sixth of what it does in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the increased cost of insulin has resulted in a growing number of people with diabetes telling their health care providers they are unable to afford the insulin prescribed for them, thus exposing them to serious long and short term health consequences,

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