



February 11, 2019

The Honorable Laurie Monnes Anderson
Chair, Senate Health Committee
Oregon Legislature
900 Court Street NE, S-211
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Oregon SB 9: Emergency Prescribing and Dispensing of Insulin During Emergencies: Support

Dear Chair Monnes Anderson:

Sanofi, a global healthcare leader, discovers, develops and distributes therapeutic solutions focused on patient needs. Sanofi is comprised of five business units that focus on human vaccines, rare diseases, multiple sclerosis, oncology, immunology, infectious diseases, diabetes and cardiovascular solutions, and consumer healthcare. More than 100,000 people at Sanofi are dedicated to making a difference in patients' daily lives, wherever they live, and enabling them to enjoy a healthier life.

Sanofi supports SB 9, and the proposed amendment (SB 9-1, LC 1247), and submits the following comments for your consideration:

- SB 9 recognizes the value of insulin and insulin-related devices and supplies for people with diabetes and the importance of daily adherence to taking insulin as prescribed by a health care provider.
 - For people with diabetes who require insulin and insulin-related devices and supplies, monitoring their blood glucose and taking insulin is part of their daily lives. Without insulin, they risk complications or even death.
 - Access to a healthcare provider every day of the year is not always easy or possible, and by allowing a pharmacist to assist people with diabetes who are in need of an emergency refill, SB 9 provides a way to avoid a gap in treatment. This bill also ensures that the person has been prescribed insulin in the past so that the pharmacist can be certain that this patient needs insulin and that insulin is appropriate.

- The bill language also recognizes the need for communication between the pharmacist and the physician who ordered the previous prescription for insulin and associated insulin-related devices and supplies so that the person with diabetes' health record is complete and treatment can be appropriately assessed and tracked.
- SB 9 recognizes the need for emergency access to insulin for people with diabetes.
 - Emergencies and miscommunications occur for a variety of reasons, and can leave people with diabetes vulnerable at times when they need their insulin. People prescribed insulin require the ability to consistently monitor their blood glucose, and then use insulin and associated insulin-related devices and supplies appropriately.
 - Allowing for an emergency refill can also provide a person with diabetes, who needs financial assistance to afford his/her insulin prescription, time to seek out patient assistance programs.

Sanofi urges your support for SB 9. If you have any questions please contact me at Deanne.calvert@sanofi.com or Nicole Palmateer Hazelbaker at (503)428-6228 or nicole@braviocommunications.com .

Sincerely,



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Cc: Members of Senate Health Care