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 SB24-168 Remote Monitoring Services for Medicaid Members
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<p>Tamara Oser For herself</p>	<p>Members of the Committee, My name is Tamara Oser and I am representing myself. I am a family physician who works in a Federally Qualified Health Center in rural Colorado. I care for a large number of Medicaid beneficiaries and many people with diabetes. The majority of people with diabetes do not reach glycemic targets. This places them at high risk for complications which cause suffering to the patient and their family and increased costs to Medicaid.</p> <p>CGM is associated with improved clinical, psychosocial, and behavioral outcomes. I have seen first-hand how it empowers people with diabetes to make changes to improve their health, and it provides irreplaceable information to healthcare providers to help address therapeutic inertia and improve glycemic outcomes. I was part of a program where we were able to provide CGM to our patients for 3-6 months. The average A1c improved by 2 full points!</p> <p>Our patient population experiences many disparities and they have tremendous social needs. Allowing remote monitoring would enable me to manage their diabetes without them having to miss work or drive to clinic. It would also allow me to partner with patients to reach glycemic targets sooner than the every 3-6 months that I often see them and order an A1c.</p> <p>I have led research studies where we have been able to provide CGM to people with diabetes that would not have qualified based on current Medicaid criteria. The improvements in their glycemic, blood pressure, weight, and cholesterol have been astounding.</p> <p>I strongly support the Remote Monitoring Services for Medicaid Members hearing item. It will lead to improved outcomes for patients and cost-savings for Medicaid.</p> <p>Thank you, Dr. Tamara Oser</p>
<p>Bonnie Tamis Jortberg For herself</p>	<p>As a Certified Diabetes Education and Care Specialist practicing in Colorado for over 30 years, I want to express my strong support for this bill. This will help the majority of people with diabetes in Colorado better manage their disease.</p>