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Administration Memorandum Establishing the Pediatric Automated Insulin Delivery Initiative

The purpose of this memorandum is to direct the Chief of Staff and Cherokee Nation Health Services to establish the Automated Insulin Delivery Device Initiative to serve our pediatric patient population diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes by increasing access to advanced diabetes management technology. Currently, Cherokee Nation Health Services serves an estimated 95 pediatric patients diagnosed with Type 1. By increasing access to this type of technology, we aim to optimize long-term glycemic control, improve quality of life, and reduce diabetes-related complications for our pediatric patients.

I. Background

Type I diabetes is an autoimmune disorder which interferes with the body's ability to procure insulin for the conversion of blood sugar into energy. There is no prevention or cure for Type 1 diabetes. Cherokee Nation Health Services serves an estimated 650 adult and 95 pediatric patients diagnoses with Type 1. Symptoms must be managed in order for a Type 1 diabetes patient to survive, namely the delivery of insulin by artificial means. Millions of Americans, including children, are afflicted with the disease. The management of insulin among children with Type 1 diabetes can be challenging given that administration of insulin requires periodic blood tests and insulin injected, either manually or through insulin pumps. Physical activities necessary for adolescent development as well as the necessity for most children to attend school

away from home for extend periods of the day complicate blood testing and insulin administration. Technological adaptations of blood sugar monitoring and insulin delivery make management of the disease relatively easier for all patients, particularly children where devices may allow for remove monitoring and automated insulin delivery through devices that are relatively unobtrusive compared to manual blood tests and manual insulin injections. Families who seek to manage Type 1 diabetes for school age children but lack the financial resources to afford these devices are at a disadvantage, experiencing decreased opportunities for childhood development and increase health risks.

Cherokee Nation's capacity for delivering health care services and medical equipment has advanced to the point that provision of the latest technology at no cost to assist children manage Type 1 diabetes. Cherokee Nation Health Services undertook a review of the subject in Fiscal Year 2026.

II. Directive

Establish a comprehensive automated insulin delivery program administered by Cherokee Nation Health Services to aid pediatric patients and their families while managing Type 1 diabetes. This will provide access to automated insulin delivery systems that integrate with continuous glucose monitoring technology and allow for automatic insulin adjustments. Cherokee Nation Health Services has already identified the Omnipod 5, a tubeless automated insulin delivery device that integrates with a compatible glucose sensor to continuously monitor glucuse levels and deliver insulin appropriately, day and night. The device is waterproof, discrete and durable so that our kids can focus less on their diagnosis and focus more on being a kid.

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