

AMSN 2024
Unit 8: Z- Chap. 17 (1H total)
Online Assignment: LEGISLATOR WORKSHEET

Instructions:

- Complete this form using Ohio and U.S. Links Provided
 - o You are to look up information based on your zip code (zip code must include all 9 numbers – including the +4 number)
- Complete the assignment at the end of the document

Your name: Ashley Huntley

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<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/>

Ohio House of Representatives

Name of your Ohio Representative: D.J. Swearingen

Party affiliation: Republican District number: 89

Hometown: Huron

Expiration date of current term: December 31st, 2024

Eligible for another term? Yes

Committee assignments (List all – committee names should be *complete* and *accurate*©)
Constitutional Resolutions, Economic and Workforce Development, Finance, Finance
Subcommittee on Infrastructure and American Rescue Plan, Government Oversight.

Ohio Senate

Name of your Ohio State Senator: Theresa Gavarone

Party affiliation: Republican District number: 2

Hometown: Bowling Green

Expiration date of current term: November 5, 2024

Eligible for another term? Yes

Committee assignments (List all – committee names should be complete and accurate)
Finance, General Government, Judiciary, Local Government, and Rules and Reference.

U.S. Senate

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

United States Senators representing Ohio:

A. Name of Senator(s), including *Party, years of service, and year of term end*
(Click on *Biographical Directory Listing*)

1. Sherrod Brown (D) House 1993-2007, Senate 2007-present, Term ends January 3rd, 2025
2. J.D. Vance (R) Senate 2023-present, Term Ends January 3rd, 2029

U.S. House of Representatives

<http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

Name of Congressional representative: **Robert E. Latta**

Party affiliation: Republican

District number: 5

Assignment:

- You are to write a letter to one of the legislators above regarding a current healthcare issue or bill.
- Complete this worksheet and letter, and place both in the Z-Chapter 17 dropbox by 4/5/2024 at 0800.
- **You are expected to mail a copy of your letter to the legislator.**

April 5th, 2024

The Honorable Theresa Gavarone
U.S. Senator for Ohio

Dear Senator,

My name is Ashley Huntley and I am currently in my final weeks of nursing school. I will graduate May 3rd, 2024 with a Diploma in Nursing and will be a licensed Registered Nurse shortly after. I am writing you in hopes that you will endorse Senate Bill 61 in regard to Capping cost sharing for prescription insulin drugs.

I have taken a special interest in the detrimental effects that diabetes has to the human body and how it can affect every single cell causing irreversible damage. It is the gateway to more diagnosis's such as Chronic Kidney Disease, High Blood Pressure, and Vascular Disease. All of these conditions listed above increase hospitalization rates, causes financial strain, and leads to poorer patient outcomes. All from something that is effectively managed with insulin, a drug that is outrageously expensive and is essential for patient life.

To share a short story, I cared for a patient around 30 years old during one of my clinical rotations. The patient was 9 when he was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. His single mother could not afford insulin, so the patient was hospitalized dozens of times with a very serious and life-threatening condition called Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) which is when there is too much sugar circulating in the patient's body. After many years of frequent DKA hospitalization the patient was diagnosed with uncontrolled high blood pressure, Chronic Kidney Disease along with many more preventable conditions. By age 20, he ended up needing a feeding tube due to issues with his GI tract and was placed on Hemodialysis due to his failing kidneys. By age 24 he was placed in a 24-hour skilled nursing facility due to his body failing him from lack of proper glucose control with insulin during his adolescent years.

By capping costs for insulin, it actually will decrease the amount of money in the long term. Care regarding hospitalizations, future medications, and overall burden of the healthcare system will go down. This is a change that will take many years to see the full impact of but I truly believe it make a huge difference in the rates of chronic conditions if insulin is made more affordable.

If you have any further questions you can reach me using any of the following methods below.

Sincerely,

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