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House Bill No. 5120

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The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through REP. AMANN of the 118th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

An Act Concerning Insurance Coverage For Care And Treatment Of Patients With An Ostomy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) Each individual health insurance policy providing
2 coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12)
3 of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered, issued for delivery,
4 renewed or continued in this state on or after October 1, 2000, that
5 provides coverage for ostomy surgery shall include coverage for
6 appliances and supplies relating to an ostomy including, but not
7 limited to, collection devices, irrigation equipment and supplies, skin
8 barriers and skin protectors. As used in this section, "ostomy" includes
9 colostomy, ileostomy and urostomy.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) Each group health insurance policy providing
11 coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12)
12 of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered, issued for delivery,
13 renewed or continued in this state on or after October 1, 2000, that

14 provides coverage for ostomy surgery shall include coverage for
15 appliances and supplies relating to an ostomy including, but not
16 limited to, collection devices, irrigation equipment and supplies, skin
17 barriers and skin protectors. As used in this section, "ostomy" includes
18 colostomy, ileostomy and urostomy.

INS Committee Vote: Yea 17 Nay 0 JF

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: State Comptroller’s Office, Department of Insurance

Municipal Impact: Potential Cost

Explanation

State Impact:

The bill requires individual and group health insurance policies that cover ostomy surgery to cover related appliances and supplies, skin barriers, and protectors. Ostomy must be covered in policies delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in the state beginning October 1, 2000. The bill is not anticipated to have any fiscal impact on the state employee health insurance account. The state employee health insurance accounts provide coverage for the services mandated by the bill.

Municipal Impact:

To the extent that ostomy is not covered by a municipality’s employee health insurance policy, there may be increased municipal costs to provide it. The bill’s impact on municipal health insurance costs will vary by municipality depending on the current coverage and cannot be determined at this time.

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5120

AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CARE AND TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH AN OSTOMY.**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires certain individual and group health insurance policies delivered, issued for delivery, renewed or continued in Connecticut beginning October 1, 2000 to cover ostomy-related appliances and supplies, including collection devices, irrigation equipment and supplies, and skin barriers and protectors, if the policy covers ostomy, colostomy, ileostomy or urostomy surgery.

The requirement applies to individual and group hospital and medical service plans offered by HMOs and health insurance policies that offer the following types of coverage: (1) basic hospital expense, (2) basic medical-surgical expense, (3) major medical expense, and (4) hospital or medical expense.

An ostomy is a surgically formed artificial opening in the bowel or intestine; a colostomy is an artificial opening in the colon; an ileostomy is an artificial opening in the small intestine or ileum; and an urostomy is an artificial opening in the tubes that run from the kidney to the bladder.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2000

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 17 Nay 0