



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5639

January Session, 2001

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF DRUG FORMULARIES BY HEALTH INSURERS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, each
2 individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the type
3 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of
4 the general statutes delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed
5 or continued in this state on or after October 1, 2001, that provides
6 coverage for outpatient prescription drugs pursuant to a list of covered
7 drugs or that otherwise imposes limits on the availability of
8 prescription drugs shall provide benefits for all medically necessary
9 prescription drugs for up to ten calendar days, or until an appeal of a
10 decision to deny coverage is completed, whichever is earlier.

11 (b) Such benefits shall only be provided if the prescription drug is
12 prescribed by an emergency room physician pursuant to treatment in
13 an emergency room.

14 Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, each group
15 health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in
16 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general
17 statutes delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or
18 continued in this state on or after October 1, 2001, that provides
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26 an emergency room.

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