



General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 310

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LCO No. 1462

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF COVERAGE FOR SMOKING CESSATION UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-278a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

3 The Commissioner of Social Services [may] shall amend the
4 Medicaid state plan to provide coverage for treatment for smoking
5 cessation ordered by a licensed physician to the extent permitted by
6 federal law. The state plan shall provide coverage of smoking cessation
7 programs, including, but not limited to, counseling, and legend and
8 nonlegend drugs intended to assist in the cessation of smoking, as
9 prescribed by a licensed physician. Such coverage shall be limited to [a
10 maximum of four hundred dollars per person per year] not more than
11 two such programs of a duration not to exceed ninety days each in any
12 twelve-month period.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Social Services to amend the state's Medicaid plan to mandate coverage for smoking cessation programs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]