



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 310**

February Session, 2002

**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 Section 17b-278a of the general statutes is repealed and  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, 2002*):

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. Such coverage shall be limited to a maximum of four  
7 hundred dollars per person per year] health care professional who has  
8 authority under appropriate federal or state laws to prescribe drugs for  
9 smoking cessation. Not later than January 1, 2003, the commissioner  
10 shall, in accordance with section 11-4a, present a plan for smoking  
11 cessation services to the joint standing committee of the General  
12 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services,  
13 and such plan shall be implemented by July 1, 2003.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2002

**HS** Joint Favorable Subst.