



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, as amended by
2 section 19 of public act 02-4, is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

4 The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid state
5 plan to provide coverage for treatment for smoking cessation ordered
6 by a licensed healthcare professional who [possesses valid and current
7 state licensure] has authority under appropriate federal or state laws to
8 prescribe [such] drugs [in accordance with a plan developed by the
9 commissioner to provide smoking cessation services. The] for smoking
10 cessation. Not later than January 1, 2003, the commissioner, in
11 consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall present,
12 [such] in accordance with section 11-4a, a plan for smoking cessation
13 services to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
14 having cognizance of matters relating to human services, public health
15 and appropriations, and such plan shall be implemented by [January 1,
16 2003, and, if such plan is approved by said committees and funding is
17 provided in the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, such
18 plan shall be implemented on July 1, 2003] July 1, 2003. Such plan shall
19 include a study of the cost and effectiveness of smoking cessation
20 services. To the extent permitted by federal law, individuals seeking a

21 second or subsequent course of smoking cessation treatment in a
22 calendar year, shall participate in such study.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*