



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 18

Senate, April 7, 2003

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR OVARIAN CANCER SCREENING.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Each individual health
2 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in
3 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general
4 statutes delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or
5 continued in this state on or after October 1, 2003, shall provide
6 coverage for ovarian cancer screening tests ordered by a licensed
7 physician, provided such tests are consistent with the
8 recommendations established by the American Cancer Society.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Each group health insurance
10 policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),
11 (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered,
12 issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this state on or
13 after October 1, 2003, shall provide coverage for ovarian cancer

14 screening tests ordered by a licensed physician, provided such tests are
15 consistent with the recommendations established by the American
16 Cancer Society.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

INS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Comptroller Misc. Accounts (Fringe Benefits)	Various - None	None	None
Insurance Dept.	IF - None	None	None

Note: IF=Insurance Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE - Cost	Potential Indeterminate	Potential Indeterminate

Explanation

The bill requires certain health insurance policies to cover ovarian cancer screening tests ordered by a licensed physician. The state employee and retiree health plans provide this coverage so there is no fiscal impact to the state.

Municipal Impact

To the extent that the coverage required under the bill is not currently provided under a municipality’s employee health insurance plan, there may be increased municipal health 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.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR OVARIAN CANCER SCREENING**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires certain individual and group health insurance policies to cover American Cancer Society recommended ovarian cancer screening tests ordered by a licensed doctor.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

POLICIES SUBJECT TO THE MANDATE

The bill applies to individual and group health insurance policies that pay for (1) basic hospital expenses, (2) basic medical-surgical expenses, (3) major medical expenses, (4) hospital or medical expenses, and (5) hospital and medical expenses paid by HMOs.

The new coverage applies to policies delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed, or continued in Connecticut beginning October 1, 2003.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 1