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To: Senate Bill No. 918

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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

**"AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
INPATIENT DENTAL CARE."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 38a-491a of the general statutes is repealed and
4 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

5 (a) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of
6 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section
7 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed or continued in this
8 state on or after January 1, 2000, shall provide coverage for general
9 anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services provided in
10 conjunction with in-patient, outpatient or one-day dental services if the
11 following conditions are met:

12 (1) The anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services are deemed
13 medically necessary by the treating dentist or oral surgeon [and the
14 patient's primary care physician] in accordance with the health
15 insurance policy's requirements for prior authorization of services; and

16 (2) The patient is either (A) [a child under the age of four who is
17 determined by a licensed dentist, in conjunction with a licensed
18 physician who specializes in primary care, to have] a person who has a
19 dental condition of significant dental complexity that it requires certain
20 dental procedures to be performed in a hospital, as determined by a
21 licensed dentist or oral surgeon, or (B) a person who has a
22 developmental disability, as determined by a licensed physician who
23 specializes in primary care, that places the person at serious risk.

24 (b) The expense of such anesthesia, nursing and related hospital
25 services shall be deemed a medical expense under such health
26 insurance policy and shall not be subject to any limits on dental
27 benefits under such policy.

28 Sec. 2. Section 38a-517a of the general statutes is repealed and the
29 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

30 (a) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the
31 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
32 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed or continued in this state
33 on or after January 1, 2000, shall provide coverage for general
34 anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services provided in
35 conjunction with in-patient, outpatient or one-day dental services if the
36 following conditions are met:

37 (1) The anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services are deemed
38 medically necessary by the treating dentist or oral surgeon [and the
39 patient's primary care physician] in accordance with the health
40 insurance policy's requirements for prior authorization of services; and

41 (2) The patient is either (A) [a child under the age of four who is
42 determined by a licensed dentist, in conjunction with a licensed

43 physician who specializes in primary care, to have] a person who has a
44 dental condition of significant dental complexity that it requires certain
45 dental procedures to be performed in a hospital, as determined by a
46 licensed dentist or oral surgeon, or (B) a person who has a
47 developmental disability, as determined by a licensed physician who
48 specializes in primary care, that places the person at serious risk.

49 (b) The expense of such anesthesia, nursing and related hospital
50 services shall be deemed a medical expense under such health
51 insurance policy and shall not be subject to any limits on dental
52 benefits under such policy."

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