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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 38a-492c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section:

4 (1) "Inherited metabolic disease" means a disease for which
5 newborn screening is required under section 19a-55, as amended.

6 (2) "Low protein modified food product" means a product
7 formulated to have less than one gram of protein per serving and
8 intended for the dietary treatment of an inherited metabolic disease
9 under the direction of a physician.

10 (3) "Amino acid modified preparation" means a product intended
11 for the dietary treatment of an inherited metabolic disease under the
12 direction of a physician.

13 (4) "Specialized formula" means a nutritional formula for children

14 [up to age three] that is exempt from the general requirements for
15 nutritional labeling under the statutory and regulatory guidelines of
16 the federal Food and Drug Administration and is intended for use
17 solely under medical supervision in the dietary management of
18 specific diseases.

19 (b) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of
20 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (11) and (12) of
21 section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state
22 on or after October 1, 1997, shall provide coverage for amino acid
23 modified preparations and low protein modified food products for the
24 treatment of inherited metabolic diseases if the amino acid modified
25 preparations or low protein modified food products are prescribed for
26 the therapeutic treatment of inherited metabolic diseases and are
27 administered under the direction of a physician.

28 (c) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of
29 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (11) and (12) of
30 section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state
31 on or after October 1, 2001, shall provide coverage for specialized
32 formulas when such specialized formulas are medically necessary for
33 the treatment of a disease or condition and are administered under the
34 direction of a physician.

35 Sec. 2. Section 38a-518c of the general statutes is repealed and the
36 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

37 (a) For purposes of this section:

38 (1) "Inherited metabolic disease" means a disease for which
39 newborn screening is required under section 19a-55, as amended.

40 (2) "Low protein modified food product" means a product
41 formulated to have less than one gram of protein per serving and
42 intended for the dietary treatment of an inherited metabolic disease
43 under the direction of a physician.

44 (3) "Amino acid modified preparation" means a product intended
45 for the dietary treatment of an inherited metabolic disease under the
46 direction of a physician.

47 (4) "Specialized formula" means a nutritional formula for children
48 [up to age three] that is exempt from the general requirements for
49 nutritional labeling under the statutory and regulatory guidelines of
50 the federal Food and Drug Administration and is intended for use
51 solely under medical supervision in the dietary management of
52 specific diseases.

53 (b) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the
54 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (11) and (12) of section
55 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state on or
56 after October 1, 1997, shall provide coverage for amino acid modified
57 preparations and low protein modified food products for the treatment
58 of inherited metabolic diseases if the amino acid modified preparations
59 or low protein modified food products are prescribed for the
60 therapeutic treatment of inherited metabolic diseases and are
61 administered under the direction of a physician.

62 (c) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the
63 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (11) and (12) of section
64 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state on or
65 after October 1, 2001, shall provide coverage for specialized formulas
66 when such specialized formulas are medically necessary for the
67 treatment of a disease or condition and are administered under the
68 direction of a physician.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate the age restriction on eligibility for health insurance coverage for certain specialized formulas.

[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.]