



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1178

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AN ACT CONCERNING LEAD SCREENING FOR CHILDREN.

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

1 Section 1. Section 38a-535 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section, "preventive pediatric care" means
4 the periodic review of a child's physical and emotional health from
5 birth through six years of age by or under the supervision of a
6 physician. Such review shall include a medical history, complete
7 physical examination, developmental assessment, anticipatory
8 guidance, appropriate immunizations and laboratory tests in keeping
9 with prevailing medical standards.

10 (b) Every group health insurance policy providing coverage of the
11 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (11) and (12) of section
12 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery or renewed on or after October 1,
13 1989, or continued as defined in section 38a-531, on or after October 1,
14 1990, shall provide benefits for preventive pediatric care for any child
15 covered by the policy or contract at approximately the following age
16 intervals: Every two months from birth to six months of age, every
17 three months from nine to eighteen months of age and annually from
18 two through six years of age. Each such policy shall provide coverage
19 for elevated blood lead level testing at twelve months and at twenty-
20 four months of age. Each such policy shall provide coverage for annual

21 elevated blood lead level testing for any child less than six years of age
22 who has developmental delays. Any such policy may provide that
23 services rendered during a periodic review shall be covered to the
24 extent that such services are provided by or under the supervision of a
25 single physician during the course of one visit. Such benefits shall be
26 subject to any policy provisions which apply to other services covered
27 by such policy.

28 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) All children who are
29 enrolled in the HUSKY Plan, Part A and Part B shall be tested for
30 elevated blood lead levels at one year of age and again at two years of
31 age. If such a child has a developmental delay, such child shall be
32 tested annually for elevated blood lead levels until such child is six
33 years of age.

34 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 10-206 of the general statutes is
35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
36 *1, 2006*):

37 (b) Each local or regional board of education shall require each child
38 to have a health assessment prior to public school enrollment. The
39 assessment shall include: (1) A physical examination which shall
40 include hematocrit or hemoglobin tests, a test for lead levels in the
41 blood, height, weight, blood pressure, and, beginning with the 2003-
42 2004 school year, a chronic disease assessment which shall include, but
43 not be limited to, asthma as defined by the Commissioner of Public
44 Health pursuant to subsection (c) of section 19a-62a. The assessment
45 form shall include (A) a check box for the provider conducting the
46 assessment, as provided in subsection (a) of this section, to indicate an
47 asthma diagnosis, (B) screening questions relating to appropriate
48 public health concerns to be answered by the parent or guardian, and
49 (C) screening questions to be answered by such provider; (2) an
50 updating of immunizations as required under section 10-204a,
51 provided a registered nurse may only update said immunizations
52 pursuant to a written order by a physician or physician assistant,
53 licensed pursuant to chapter 370, or an advanced practice registered

54 nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378; (3) vision, hearing, speech and
55 gross dental screenings; and (4) such other information, including
56 health and developmental history, as the physician feels is necessary
57 and appropriate. The assessment shall also include tests for
58 tuberculosis, sickle cell anemia or Cooley's anemia [and tests for lead
59 levels in the blood] where the local or regional board of education
60 determines after consultation with the school medical advisor and the
61 local health department, or in the case of a regional board of education,
62 each local health department, that such tests are necessary, provided a
63 registered nurse may only perform said tests pursuant to the written
64 order of a physician or physician assistant, licensed pursuant to
65 chapter 370, or an advanced practice registered nurse, licensed
66 pursuant to chapter 378.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	38a-535
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	10-206(b)

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