



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 422

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
BREAST CANCER SCREENING.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 38a-503 of the 2006 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

4 (a) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of
5 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (10), (11) and (12) of
6 section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or
7 continued in this state on or after October 1, 2001, shall provide
8 benefits for mammographic examinations to any woman covered
9 under the policy which are at least equal to the following minimum
10 requirements: (1) A baseline mammogram for any woman who is
11 thirty-five to thirty-nine years of age, inclusive; and (2) a mammogram
12 every year for any woman who is forty years of age or older. Such
13 policy shall provide additional benefits for comprehensive ultrasound
14 screening of an entire breast or breasts if [such screening is
15 recommended by a physician for a woman classified as a category 2, 3,
16 4 or 5 under] a mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or dense

17 breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System
18 established by the American College of Radiology or if a woman is
19 believed to be at increased risk for breast cancer due to family history
20 or prior personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing or
21 other indications as determined by a woman's physician.

22 (b) Benefits under this section shall be subject to any policy
23 provisions that apply to other services covered by such policy.

24 Sec. 2. Section 38a-530 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes
25 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
26 *October 1, 2006*):

27 (a) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the
28 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
29 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in
30 this state on or after October 1, 2001, shall provide benefits for
31 mammographic examinations to any woman covered under the policy
32 which are at least equal to the following minimum requirements: (1) A
33 baseline mammogram for any woman who is thirty-five to thirty-nine
34 years of age, inclusive; and (2) a mammogram every year for any
35 woman who is forty years of age or older. Such policy shall provide
36 additional benefits for comprehensive ultrasound screening of an
37 entire breast or breasts if [such screening is recommended by a
38 physician for a woman classified as a category 2, 3, 4 or 5 under] a
39 mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast tissue
40 based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established
41 by the American College of Radiology or if a woman is believed to be
42 at increased risk for breast cancer due to family history or prior
43 personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing or other
44 indications as determined by a woman's physician.

45 (b) Benefits under this section shall be subject to any policy
46 provisions that apply to other services covered by such policy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	38a-503
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	38a-530

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure the provision of appropriate coverage for breast cancer examinations.

[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.]