



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5303

January Session, 2007

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AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SUPPLIES FOR THE TREATMENT OF LYMPHEDEMA.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) 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, renewed, amended or
5 continued in this state on or after October 1, 2007, shall provide
6 coverage for supplies prescribed by a physician for the treatment of
7 lymphedema. Such supplies shall be considered durable medical
8 equipment under the policy. For the purposes of this section,
9 "lymphedema" means a chronic condition in which excess fluid or
10 lymph collects in tissues of the body and causes edema, deformity,
11 skin changes and infection in such tissues due to missing, impaired or
12 damaged channels or ducts that transport lymph.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) Each group health insurance
14 policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),
15 (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered,
16 issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state on or
17 after October 1, 2007, shall provide coverage for supplies prescribed by
18 a physician for the treatment of lymphedema. Such supplies shall be
19 considered durable medical equipment under the policy. For the

20 purposes of this section, "lymphedema" means a chronic condition in
21 which excess fluid or lymph collects in tissues of the body and causes
22 edema, deformity, skin changes and infection in such tissues due to
23 missing, impaired or damaged channels or ducts that transport lymph.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2007</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2 | <i>October 1, 2007</i> | New section |

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