



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 73

LCO No. 4793

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT EXPANDING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS FOR CHILDREN.

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

1 Section 1. Section 38a-490b of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the
4 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
5 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in
6 this state on or after October 1, [2001] 2007, shall provide coverage for
7 hearing aids for children [twelve] eighteen years of age or younger.
8 Such hearing aids shall be considered durable medical equipment
9 under the policy and the policy may limit the hearing aid benefit to
10 one thousand dollars within a twenty-four-month period.

11 Sec. 2. Section 38a-516b of the general statutes is repealed and the
12 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

13 Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type
14 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469

15 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this
16 state on or after October 1, [2001] 2007, shall provide coverage for
17 hearing aids for children [twelve] eighteen years of age or younger.
18 Such hearing aids shall be considered durable medical equipment
19 under the policy and the policy may limit the hearing aid benefit to
20 one thousand dollars within a twenty-four-month period.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	38a-490b
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To expand insurance coverage for hearing aids for children from twelve years of age or younger to eighteen years of age or younger.

[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.]

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