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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

**AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
ROUTINE PATIENT CARE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN
CLINICAL TRIALS.**

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 or renewed in this state on or
5 after January 1, 2008, shall provide coverage for the routine patient
6 care costs associated with clinical trials for the treatment of serious or
7 life-threatening diseases. As used in this section, (1) "clinical trial for
8 the treatment of serious or life-threatening diseases" means an
9 organized, systematic, scientific study of therapies, tests or other
10 clinical interventions for purposes of treatment or palliation or
11 therapeutic intervention for the prevention of serious or life-
12 threatening diseases in human beings other than a cancer clinical trial,
13 in accordance with sections 38a-504a to 38a-504g, inclusive, of the
14 general statutes, and (2) "routine patient care costs" means (A)
15 coverage for medically necessary health care services that are incurred
16 as a result of the treatment being provided to the insured person for

17 purposes of such clinical trial that would otherwise be covered if such
18 services were not rendered pursuant to such clinical trial. Such services
19 shall include those rendered by a physician, diagnostic or laboratory
20 tests, hospitalization or other services provided to the patient during
21 the course of treatment in such clinical trial for a condition, or one of
22 its complications, that is consistent with the usual and customary
23 standard of care and would be covered if the insured person were not
24 enrolled in such clinical trial; and (2) coverage for routine patient care
25 costs incurred for drugs provided to the insured person, in accordance
26 with section 38a-492b of the general statutes, provided such drugs
27 have been approved for sale by the federal Food and Drug
28 Administration.

29 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) Each group health insurance
30 policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),
31 (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered,
32 issued for delivery or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2008,
33 shall provide coverage for the routine patient care costs associated
34 with clinical trials for the treatment of serious or life-threatening
35 diseases. As used in this section, (1) "clinical trial for the treatment of
36 serious or life-threatening diseases" means an organized, systematic,
37 scientific study of therapies, tests or other clinical interventions for
38 purposes of treatment or palliation or therapeutic intervention for the
39 prevention of serious or life-threatening diseases in human beings
40 other than a cancer clinical trial, in accordance with sections 38a-542a
41 to 38a-542g, inclusive, of the general statutes, and (2) "routine patient
42 care costs" means (A) coverage for medically necessary health care
43 services that are incurred as a result of the treatment being provided to
44 the insured person for purposes of such clinical trial that would
45 otherwise be covered if such services were not rendered pursuant to
46 such clinical trial. Such services shall include those rendered by a
47 physician, diagnostic or laboratory tests, hospitalization or other
48 services provided to the patient during the course of treatment in such
49 clinical trial for a condition, or one of its complications, that is
50 consistent with the usual and customary standard of care and would

51 be covered if the insured person were not enrolled in such clinical trial;
52 and (B) coverage for routine patient care costs incurred for drugs
53 provided to the insured person, in accordance with section 38a-518b of
54 the general statutes, provided such drugs have been approved for sale
55 by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To mandate individual and group health insurance coverage of routine patient costs associated with clinical trials for the treatment of serious or life-threatening diseases.

[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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