



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 478

LCO No. 2031

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT PROHIBITING COPAYMENTS FOR PREVENTIVE CARE.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2009*) (a) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of title 38a of the general statutes, no group or individual
3 health insurance policy that provides coverage of the type specified in
4 section 38a-469 of the general statutes that is delivered, issued for
5 delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state on or after
6 January 1, 2009, shall impose a copayment, deductible or other out-of-
7 pocket expense for preventive care services. For purposes of this
8 section, "preventive care services" include, but are not limited to:
- 9 (1) Annual physicals and periodic health evaluations, including
10 tests and diagnostic procedures ordered in connection with routine
11 examinations such as annual physicals;
- 12 (2) Routine prenatal and well-child care;
- 13 (3) Child and adult immunizations;
- 14 (4) Tobacco cessation programs; and

15 (5) Obesity weight-loss programs.

16 (2) "Preventive care services" do not include any services or benefits
17 intended to treat an existing illness, injury or condition.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2009	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To promote the health of Connecticut residents by prohibiting copayments, deductibles or other out-of-pocket expenses for preventive care services.

[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.]