



General Assembly

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**Amendment**

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Offered by:  
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5157      File No. 194      Cal. No. 104

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE MARKETING OF MEDICAL DISCOUNT PLANS."**

1      After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2      internal references accordingly:

3      "Sec. 501. Subsection (c) of section 38a-505 of the general statutes is  
4      repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
5      *passage*):

6      (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
7      chapter 54, to establish minimum standards for benefits under each of  
8      the following categories of coverage in individual policies, other than  
9      conversion policies issued pursuant to a contractual conversion  
10     privilege under a group policy: Basic hospital expense coverage, basic  
11     medical-surgical expense coverage, hospital confinement indemnity  
12     coverage, major medical expense coverage, disability income  
13     protection coverage, accident only coverage, [and] specified accident  
14     coverage and specified disease coverage. [Specified disease policies,  
15     riders and benefits shall be prohibited whether issued on a group or

16 individual basis, except as provided in section 38a-457, or as  
17 determined by the commissioner provided the commissioner, prior to  
18 permitting any sale of such policies, adopts regulations in accordance  
19 with chapter 54 to establish minimum standards for benefits in such  
20 specified disease policies, certificates, riders, endorsements and  
21 benefits.]

22 Sec. 502. Section 38a-513 of the general statutes is amended by  
23 adding subsection (d) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

24 (NEW) (d) Not later than January 1, 2009, the commissioner shall  
25 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to establish  
26 minimum standards for benefits in group specified disease policies,  
27 certificates, riders, endorsements and benefits.

28 Sec. 503. Subsection (c) of section 38a-554 of the 2008 supplement to  
29 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
30 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

31 (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
32 chapter 54, concerning coordination of benefits between the plan and  
33 other health insurance plans. No individual or group health insurance  
34 plan shall coordinate benefits or otherwise reduce benefit payments  
35 because a person is covered by or receives benefits from a group  
36 specified disease policy delivered, issued for delivery, renewed,  
37 amended or continued in this state."