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(As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP."

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

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Insurance Commissioner
4 shall contract with an independent entity to conduct an impact review
5 of all benefits required to be provided by insurers in health insurance
6 policies pursuant to chapter 700c of the general statutes in effect on
7 October 1, 2008. Such review shall include, but not be limited to, an
8 evaluation of (1) the financial impact of such benefits, and (2) the
9 impact of such benefits on the access and availability of insurance
10 coverage.

11 (b) Not later than July 1, 2009, the commissioner shall submit a

12 report on such review to the joint standing committee of the General
13 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance, in
14 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.

15 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) For the purpose of this
16 section, "benefit or service mandate" means a general statute or
17 proposed legislation that requires an insurer to: (1) Permit a person
18 insured or covered under the policy or contract to obtain health care
19 treatment or services from a particular type of health care provider; (2)
20 offer or provide coverage for the screening, diagnosis or treatment of a
21 particular disease or condition; or (3) offer or provide coverage for a
22 particular type of health care treatment or service, medical equipment,
23 medical supplies or drugs in connection with a health care treatment
24 or service.

25 (b) Upon request by the joint standing committee of the General
26 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance, the
27 Insurance Commissioner shall contract with an independent entity to
28 conduct an impact review of (1) any legislation proposing a benefit or
29 service mandate in health insurance policies on or after January 1,
30 2009; (2) any legislation proposing to repeal a benefit or service
31 mandate on or after January 1, 2009, that was in effect prior to January
32 1, 2009; or (3) any change proposed in the scope or terms of coverage
33 of a benefit or service mandate in effect at the time of such proposed
34 change.

35 (c) Such review shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of
36 (1) the financial impact of such benefits; and (2) the impact of such
37 benefits on the access and availability of insurance coverage.

38 (d) Not later than December 31, 2009, and annually thereafter, the
39 commissioner shall submit a report on any requested impact reviews,
40 in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
41 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
42 matters relating to insurance."