



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5021**

LCO No. 3382

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:  
(INS)

**AN ACT EXPANDING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR OSTOMY SUPPLIES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 38a-492j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):

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, 2000, that provides coverage for ostomy  
7 surgery shall include coverage, up to [one] five thousand dollars  
8 annually, for medically necessary appliances and supplies relating to  
9 an ostomy including, but not limited to, collection devices, irrigation  
10 equipment and supplies, skin barriers and skin protectors. As used in  
11 this section, "ostomy" includes colostomy, ileostomy and urostomy.  
12 Payments under this section shall not be applied to any policy  
13 maximums for durable medical equipment. Nothing in this section  
14 shall be deemed to decrease policy benefits in excess of the limits in  
15 this section.

16 Sec. 2. Section 38a-518j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
17 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):

18 Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type  
19 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469  
20 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this  
21 state on or after October 1, 2000, that provides coverage for ostomy  
22 surgery shall include coverage, up to [one] five thousand dollars  
23 annually, for medically necessary appliances and supplies relating to  
24 an ostomy including, but not limited to, collection devices, irrigation  
25 equipment and supplies, skin barriers and skin protectors. As used in  
26 this section, "ostomy" includes colostomy, ileostomy and urostomy.  
27 Payments under this section shall not be applied to any policy  
28 maximums for durable medical equipment. Nothing in this section  
29 shall be deemed to decrease policy benefits in excess of the limits in  
30 this section.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |          |
| Section 1   | <i>January 1, 2010</i> | 38a-492j |
| Sec. 2  | <i>January 1, 2010</i> | 38a-518j |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To expand health insurance coverage of ostomy-related supplies from one thousand dollars annually to five thousand dollars annually.

*[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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