



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5021

January Session, 2009

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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 Section 38a-492j of the general statutes is repealed and the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
7 ostomy surgery shall include coverage, up to [one] five thousand
8 dollars annually, for medically necessary appliances and supplies
9 relating to an ostomy including, but not limited to, collection devices,
10 irrigation equipment and supplies, skin barriers and skin protectors.
11 As used in this section, "ostomy" includes colostomy, ileostomy and
12 urostomy. Payments under this section shall not be applied to any
13 policy maximums for durable medical equipment. Nothing in this
14 section shall be deemed to decrease policy benefits in excess of the
15 limits in 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 Section 38a-518j of the general statutes is repealed and the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.

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

INS *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

APP *Joint Favorable*