



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5672

LCO No. 2405

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT EXPANDING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS FOR CHILDREN.

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

1 Section 1. Section 38a-490b of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

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 (1) on or after October 1, 2001, shall provide coverage for
7 hearing aids for children twelve years of age or younger, and (2) on or
8 after January 1, 2012, shall provide coverage for hearing aids for
9 children eighteen years of age or younger. Such hearing aids shall be
10 considered durable medical equipment under the policy and the policy
11 may limit the hearing aid benefit to one thousand dollars within a
12 twenty-four-month period.

13 Sec. 2. Section 38a-516b of the general statutes is repealed and the
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

15 Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type
16 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469
17 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this
18 state (1) on or after October 1, 2001, shall provide coverage for hearing
19 aids for children twelve years of age or younger, and (2) on or after
20 January 1, 2012, shall provide coverage for hearing aids for children
21 eighteen years of age or younger. Such hearing aids shall be
22 considered durable medical equipment under the policy and the policy
23 may limit the hearing aid benefit to one thousand dollars within a
24 twenty-four-month period.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	38a-490b
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	38a-516b

Statement of Purpose:

To expand health insurance coverage for hearing aids for children.

[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.]