



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5672**

January Session, 2009

\*            HB05672INS            021109            \*

**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 Section 38a-490b of the general statutes is repealed and  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 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, 2001] January 1, 2010, shall provide  
7       coverage for hearing aids for children [twelve] eighteen years of age or  
8       younger. Such hearing aids shall be considered durable medical  
9       equipment under the policy and the policy may limit the hearing aid  
10      benefit to one thousand dollars within a twenty-four-month period.

11      Sec. 2. Section 38a-516b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
12      following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):

13      Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type  
14      specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469  
15      delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this  
16      state on or after [October 1, 2001] January 1, 2010, shall provide  
17      coverage for hearing aids for children [twelve] eighteen years of age or  
18      younger. Such hearing aids shall be considered durable medical

19 equipment under the policy and the policy may limit the hearing aid  
20 benefit to one thousand dollars within a twenty-four-month period.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2010</i>	38a-490b
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2010</i>	38a-516b

**INS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*