



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6**

LCO No. 3550

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:  
(INS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COPAYMENTS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 38a-510 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):

3 (a) No health insurance policy issued on an individual basis,  
4 whether issued by an insurance company, a hospital service  
5 corporation, a medical service corporation or a health care center,  
6 [which] that provides coverage for prescription drugs [may] shall  
7 require any person covered under such policy to obtain prescription  
8 drugs from a mail order pharmacy as a condition of obtaining benefits  
9 for such drugs.

10 (b) [The provisions of this section shall apply to any such policy  
11 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this  
12 state on or after July 1, 2005.] Any copayment that is required by such  
13 individual health insurance policy for prescription drugs shall be the  
14 same amount regardless of whether such drugs are obtained through a  
15 retail pharmacy or a mail order pharmacy.

16 Sec. 2. Section 38a-544 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
17 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):

18 (a) No medical benefits contract on a group basis, whether issued by  
19 an insurance company, a hospital service corporation, a medical  
20 service corporation or a health care center, [which] that provides  
21 coverage for prescription drugs [may] shall require any person  
22 covered under such contract to obtain prescription drugs from a mail  
23 order pharmacy as a condition of obtaining benefits for such drugs.

24 (b) [The provisions of this section shall apply to any such medical  
25 benefits contract delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state  
26 on or after July 1, 1989.] Any copayment that is required by such group  
27 medical benefits contract for prescription drugs shall be the same  
28 amount regardless of whether such drugs are obtained through a retail  
29 pharmacy or a mail order pharmacy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2010</i>	38a-510
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2010</i>	38a-544

**INS**      *Joint Favorable*