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Public Act No. 10-39

AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS FOR VETERANS IN NURSING HOME FACILITIES.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) No nursing home facility, as defined in section 19a-521 of the general statutes, shall restrict any patient from obtaining prescription drugs through a prescription drug program or health plan offered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. If a nursing home facility patient obtains prescription drugs through a prescription drug program or health plan offered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the nursing home facility may require such prescription drugs to be dispensed and administered according to the facility's policies, provided such policies conform to applicable state and federal laws. At the request of a patient, a nursing home facility shall dispense and administer prescription drugs obtained through a prescription drug program or health plan operated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs regardless of the form of the drugs' packaging. Nothing in this section shall prevent a nursing home facility from dispensing and administering to a patient prescription drugs that are obtained from sources other than a prescription drug program or health plan operated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs when the patient requires such drugs before the drugs can be obtained from

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such drug program or health plan.

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