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Substitute Senate Bill No. 923

Senate, March 28, 2011

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY
AND COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 38a-492k of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

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, amended, renewed or continued in
6 this state [on or after October 1, 2001,] shall provide coverage for
7 colorectal cancer screening, including, but not limited to, (1) an annual
8 fecal occult blood test, and (2) colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy or
9 radiologic imaging, in accordance with the recommendations
10 established by the American College of Gastroenterology, after
11 consultation with the American Cancer Society and the American
12 College of Radiology, based on the ages, family histories and
13 frequencies provided in the recommendations. Benefits under this
14 section shall be subject to the same terms and conditions applicable to

15 all other benefits under such policies.

16 Sec. 2. Section 38a-518k of the general statutes is repealed and the
17 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

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, amended, renewed or continued in this
21 state [on or after October 1, 2001,] shall provide coverage for colorectal
22 cancer screening, including, but not limited to, (1) an annual fecal
23 occult blood test, and (2) colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy or
24 radiologic imaging, in accordance with the recommendations
25 established by the American College of Gastroenterology, after
26 consultation with the American Cancer Society and the American
27 College of Radiology, based on the ages, family histories and
28 frequencies provided in the recommendations. Benefits under this
29 section shall be subject to the same terms and conditions applicable to
30 all other benefits under such policies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	38a-492k
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	38a-518k

INS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill's provisions are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities. The bill does not change coverage requirements for health plans. The bill requires the American College of Gastroenterology to consult with the American College of Radiology. Current law requires the American College of Gastroenterology to consult with the American Cancer Society.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 923****AN ACT CONCERNING THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY AND COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS.****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the American College of Gastroenterology (ACOG) to consult with the American College of Radiology, as it must currently do with the American Cancer Society, when making its recommendations regarding colorectal cancer screening. By law, individual and group health insurance policies must cover colorectal cancer screening, including (1) an annual fecal occult blood test and (2) a colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, or radiologic imaging, in accordance with ACOG recommendations regarding age, family history, and test frequency.

The coverage requirement, unchanged by the bill, applies to individual and group health insurance policies delivered, issued, amended, renewed, or continued in Connecticut that cover (1) basic hospital expenses; (2) basic medical-surgical expenses; (3) major medical expenses; and (4) hospital or medical services, including coverage under an HMO plan. Due to the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), state insurance benefit mandates do not apply to self-insured plans.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2012

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 2 (03/15/2011)