



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5448**

LCO No. 3043

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:  
(INS)

**AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
BREAST THERMOGRAPHY.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 38a-503 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *January 1, 2012*):

4 (a) (1) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage  
5 of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), ~~[(6),]~~ (10), (11) and (12)  
6 of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or  
7 continued in this state ~~[on or after October 1, 2001,]~~ shall provide  
8 benefits for mammographic examinations to any woman covered  
9 under the policy which are at least equal to the following minimum  
10 requirements: ~~[(1)]~~ (A) A baseline mammogram for any woman who is  
11 thirty-five to thirty-nine years of age, inclusive; and ~~[(2)]~~ (B) a  
12 mammogram every year for any woman who is forty years of age or  
13 older.

14 (2) Such policy shall provide additional benefits for comprehensive  
15 ultrasound screening and thermography, of an entire breast or breasts

16 if a mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast tissue  
17 based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established  
18 by the American College of Radiology or if a woman is believed to be  
19 at increased risk for breast cancer due to family history or prior  
20 personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing or other  
21 indications as determined by a woman's physician or advanced  
22 practice registered nurse.

23 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 38a-530 of the general statutes is  
24 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
25 *January 1, 2012*):

26 (a) (1) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the  
27 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-  
28 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in  
29 this state [on or after October 1, 2001,] shall provide benefits for  
30 mammographic examinations to any woman covered under the policy  
31 which are at least equal to the following minimum requirements: [(1)]  
32 (A) A baseline mammogram for any woman who is thirty-five to  
33 thirty-nine years of age, inclusive; and [(2)] (B) a mammogram every  
34 year for any woman who is forty years of age or older.

35 (2) Such policy shall provide additional benefits for comprehensive  
36 ultrasound screening and thermography, of an entire breast or breasts  
37 if a mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast tissue  
38 based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established  
39 by the American College of Radiology or if a woman is believed to be  
40 at increased risk for breast cancer due to family history or prior  
41 personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing or other  
42 indications as determined by a woman's physician or advanced  
43 practice registered nurse.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2012	38a-503(a)

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Sec. 2	January 1, 2012	38a-530(a)
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide insurance coverage for breast thermography when an annual mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast tissue or if a woman is believed to be at increased risk for breast cancer due to family history or prior personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing or other indications as determined by a woman's physician or advanced practice registered nurse.

*[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.]*

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