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Raised Bill No. 6310

LCO No. 2810

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDER NETWORK ARRANGEMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 20-138b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (b) If any health care center, as defined in section 38a-175, or
5 preferred provider network, as defined in section 38a-479aa, offers
6 health care benefits [which] that provide ophthalmologic care for any
7 person, partnership, corporation, association or group, however
8 organized, such health care center or preferred provider network shall
9 provide optometric care. If the ophthalmologic care provided may be
10 lawfully rendered by an optometrist, such health care center or
11 preferred provider network shall provide the identical eye care
12 coverage and benefits for its members when such care is rendered by
13 an optometrist under contract with such health care center or preferred
14 provider network. Such health care center or preferred provider
15 network shall (1) contract with ophthalmologists and optometrists (A)
16 in a manner [which] that will provide fair and sufficient representation

17 of such providers in relation to the benefits provided by the health care
18 center plan or preferred provider network, and (B) in substantially the
19 same manner, and (2) equally inform its members of the availability of
20 ophthalmologic and optometric services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	20-138b(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To require health care centers and preferred provider networks to contract with ophthalmologists and optometrists in substantially the same manner.

[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.]