



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 879**

LCO No. 2546

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:  
(INS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION EYE DROPS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 38a-492m of the general statutes is repealed and  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 January 1, 2010,] that provides coverage for  
7 prescription eye drops, shall not deny coverage for: [a]

8 (1) A renewal of prescription eye drops when [(1)] (A) the renewal is  
9 requested by the insured less than thirty days from the later of [(A)] (i)  
10 the date the original prescription was distributed to the insured, or  
11 [(B)] (ii) the date the last renewal of such prescription was distributed  
12 to the insured, and [(2)] (B) the prescribing physician indicates on the  
13 original prescription that additional quantities are needed and the  
14 renewal requested by the insured does not exceed the number of  
15 additional quantities needed; and

16 (2) One additional bottle of prescription eye drops when (A) such  
17 bottle is requested by the insured or the prescribing physician at the  
18 time the original prescription is filled, and (B) the prescribing  
19 physician indicates on the original prescription that such additional  
20 bottle is needed by the insured for use in a day care center or school.  
21 Such additional bottle shall be limited to one every three months.

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 Section 38a-518l of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

24 Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type  
25 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469  
26 delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this  
27 state [on or after January 1, 2010,] that provides coverage for  
28 prescription eye drops, shall not deny coverage for: [a]

29 (1) A renewal of prescription eye drops when [(1)] (A) the renewal is  
30 requested by the insured less than thirty days from the later of [(A)] (i)  
31 the date the original prescription was distributed to the insured, or  
32 [(B)] (ii) the date the last renewal of such prescription was distributed  
33 to the insured, and [(2)] (B) the prescribing physician indicates on the  
34 original prescription that additional quantities are needed and the  
35 renewal requested by the insured does not exceed the number of  
36 additional quantities needed; and

37 (2) One additional bottle of prescription eye drops when (A) such  
38 bottle is requested by the insured or the prescribing physician at the  
39 time the original prescription is filled, and (B) the prescribing  
40 physician indicates on the original prescription that such additional  
41 bottle is needed by the insured for use in a day care center or school.  
42 Such additional bottle shall be limited to one every three months.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2012	38a-492m

Sec. 2	January 1, 2012	38a-518l
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To require insurance coverage for an additional bottle of prescription eye drops for use by the insured in a day care center or school.

*[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.]*