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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND CERTAIN CANCER SCREENINGS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2012*) Each individual health
2 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in
3 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general
4 statutes delivered, issued for delivery, renewed or continued in this
5 state shall provide coverage for lung cancer screening tests, in
6 accordance with the recommendations established by the American
7 Lung Association, after consultation with the American Cancer Society
8 and the American College of Radiology, based on the ages, family
9 histories and frequencies provided in the recommendations. Benefits
10 under this section shall be subject to the same terms and conditions
11 applicable to all other benefits under such policies.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2012*) Each group health insurance
13 policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),
14 (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered,
15 issued for delivery, renewed or continued in this state shall provide
16 coverage for lung cancer screening tests, in accordance with the

17 recommendations established by the American Lung Association, after
18 consultation with the American Cancer Society and the American
19 College of Radiology, based on the ages, family histories and
20 frequencies provided in the recommendations. Benefits under this
21 section shall be subject to the same terms and conditions applicable to
22 all other benefits under such policies.

23 Sec. 3. Section 38a-492k of the general statutes is repealed and the
24 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

25 Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the
26 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
27 469 delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in
28 this state [on or after October 1, 2001,] shall provide coverage for
29 colorectal cancer screening, including, but not limited to, (1) an annual
30 fecal occult blood test, and (2) colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy or
31 radiologic imaging, in accordance with the recommendations
32 established by the American College of Gastroenterology, after
33 consultation with the American Cancer Society and the American
34 College of Radiology, based on the ages, family histories and
35 frequencies provided in the recommendations. Benefits under this
36 section shall be subject to the same terms and conditions applicable to
37 all other benefits under such policies.

38 Sec. 4. Section 38a-518k of the general statutes is repealed and the
39 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

40 Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type
41 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469
42 delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this
43 state [on or after October 1, 2001,] shall provide coverage for colorectal
44 cancer screening, including, but not limited to, (1) an annual fecal
45 occult blood test, and (2) colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy or
46 radiologic imaging, in accordance with the recommendations
47 established by the American College of Gastroenterology, after
48 consultation with the American Cancer Society and the American

49 College of Radiology, based on the ages, family histories and
50 frequencies provided in the recommendations. Benefits under this
51 section shall be subject to the same terms and conditions applicable to
52 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>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	38a-492k
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	38a-518k

Statement of Purpose:

To require (1) health insurance coverage for lung cancer screening tests, and (2) the American College of Gastroenterology to additionally consult with the American College of Radiology for colorectal cancer screening recommendations.

[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.]