



Substitute House Bill No. 5032

Public Act No. 11-88

AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR BONE MARROW TESTING.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2012*) (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this state shall provide coverage for expenses arising from human leukocyte antigen testing, also referred to as histocompatibility locus antigen testing, for A, B and DR antigens for utilization in bone marrow transplantation.

(b) No such policy shall impose a coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for such testing in excess of twenty per cent of the cost for such testing per year. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a high deductible health plan as that term is used in subsection (f) of section 38a-493 of the general statutes.

(c) Such policy shall:

(1) Require that such testing be performed in a facility (A) accredited by the American Society for Histocompatibility and

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Immunogenetics, or its successor, and (B) certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act of 1967, 42 USC Section 263a, as amended from time to time; and

(2) Limit coverage to individuals who, at the time of such testing, complete and sign an informed consent form that also authorizes the results of the test to be used for participation in the National Marrow Donor Program.

(d) Such policy may limit such coverage to a lifetime maximum benefit of one testing.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2012*) (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this state shall provide coverage for expenses arising from human leukocyte antigen testing, also referred to as histocompatibility locus antigen testing, for A, B and DR antigens for utilization in bone marrow transplantation.

(b) No such policy shall impose a coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for such testing in excess of twenty per cent of the cost for such testing per year. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a high deductible health plan as that term is used in subsection (f) of section 38a-520 of the general statutes.

(c) Such policy shall:

(1) Require that such testing be performed in a facility (A) accredited by the American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics, or its successor, and (B) certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act of 1967, 42 USC Section 263a, as amended from time to time; and

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(2) Limit coverage to individuals who, at the time of such testing, complete and sign an informed consent form that also authorizes the results of the test to be used for participation in the National Marrow Donor Program.

(d) Such policy may limit such coverage to a lifetime maximum benefit of one testing.

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