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To: Senate Bill No. 1083

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF  
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR PAIN TREATMENT."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 38a-510 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

5 [(a)] No [health insurance policy issued on an individual basis,  
6 whether issued by an] insurance company, [a] fraternal benefit society,  
7 hospital service corporation, [a] medical service corporation or a health  
8 care center [, which] that delivers, issues for delivery, renews, amends  
9 or continues in this state an individual health insurance policy that  
10 provides coverage for prescription drugs may: [require]

11 (1) Require any person covered under such policy to obtain  
12 prescription drugs from a mail order pharmacy as a condition of  
13 obtaining benefits for such drugs;

14 (2) Impose any copayment, reimbursement amount, number of days  
15 of a drug supply for which reimbursement is allowed under such  
16 policy or any other payment or condition for prescription drugs  
17 obtained from a retail pharmacy that is more restrictive than that  
18 imposed on prescription drugs obtained from a mail order pharmacy;  
19 or

20 (3) Impose a monetary advantage or penalty under such policy that  
21 could affect an insured's choice of pharmacies, including, but not  
22 limited to, a higher copayment, a reduction in reimbursement or  
23 promotion of one participating pharmacy over another by such  
24 methods.

25 [(b) The provisions of this section shall apply to any such policy  
26 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this  
27 state on or after July 1, 2005.]

28 Sec. 502. Section 38a-544 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
29 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

30 [(a)] No [medical benefits contract on a group basis, whether issued  
31 by an] insurance company, [a] fraternal benefit society, hospital service  
32 corporation, [a] medical service corporation or [a] health care center [,  
33 which] that delivers, issues for delivery, renews, amends or continues  
34 in this state a group health insurance policy that provides coverage for  
35 prescription drugs may: [require]

36 (1) Require any person covered under such contract to obtain  
37 prescription drugs from a mail order pharmacy as a condition of  
38 obtaining benefits for such drugs;

39 (2) Impose any copayment, reimbursement amount, number of days  
40 of a drug supply for which reimbursement is allowed under such  
41 contract or any other payment or condition for prescription drugs  
42 obtained from a retail pharmacy that is more restrictive than that  
43 imposed on prescription drugs obtained from a mail order pharmacy;  
44 or

45     (3) Impose a monetary advantage or penalty under such contract  
46     that could affect an insured's choice of pharmacies, including, but not  
47     limited to, a higher copayment, a reduction in reimbursement or  
48     promotion of one participating pharmacy over another by such  
49     methods.

50     [(b) The provisions of this section shall apply to any such medical  
51     benefits contract delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state  
52     on or after July 1, 1989.]"