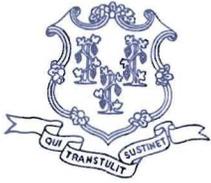


SECTION 1: COMMISSIONER'S LETTER



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Via Hand Delivery

April 9, 2012

Legislative Regulation Review Committee
Room 011
State Capitol
Hartford, CT 06106
Attention: Pamela Booth, Administrator

Re: Proposed Regulation Concerning Utilization Review, Grievances and External Appeals

Dear Senator Roraback, Representative Davis, and Committee Members:

In accordance with section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Connecticut Insurance Department hereby submits the original of the above-referenced proposed regulation bearing the approval of the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency, together with eighteen copies of the approved original and final fiscal note prepared in the format mandated by your Committee on April 16, 1986. Please note that no public hearing was held on this regulation.

Connecticut Public Act No. 11-58 effective July 1, 2011, repealed Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 38a-226 *et seq.*, 38a-478m, 38a-478n and 38a-478p and by implication the corresponding regulations., R.C.S.A. §§38a-226-1 *et seq.*; 38a-478m-1; 38a-478n-1 *et seq.* and established the new statutes needed to bring the state internal and external review process into compliance with the requirements set forth in The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub.L.111-48, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub.L.111-152 (collectively "PPACA"). The purpose of these regulations is to replace the regulations repealed by implication.

On March 21, 2012, the regulations were approved by the Office of Attorney General as to legal sufficiency.

As always, if you have any questions concerning this proposed regulation please do not hesitate to call me or Beth Cook, Counsel at 860-297-3812. Thank you for your anticipated assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas B. Leonardi
Insurance Commissioner

Attachment

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