



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5443

LCO No. 1892



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-280a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no payment
4 shall be made under a medical assistance program administered by the
5 Department of Social Services, except for (1) the medical assistance
6 program established pursuant to section 17b-256, for an over-the-
7 counter drug, [(1)] (2) insulin and insulin syringes, [(2)] (3) nutritional
8 supplements for individuals who are required to be tube fed or who
9 cannot safely ingest nutrition in any other form, and as may be
10 required by federal law, [and (3)] (4) effective January 1, 2012, smoking
11 cessation drugs as provided in section 17b-278a, and (5) over-the-
12 counter drugs that are required to be covered pursuant to 42 CFR
13 440.347, including such drugs for individuals with specified diagnoses
14 that have a rating of "A" or "B" in the current recommendations of the
15 United States Preventive Services Task Force, provided the

16 Department of Social Services may also pay for such over-the-counter
17 drugs under a medical assistance program or portion thereof that is
18 not subject to 42 CFR 440.347. On or before August 1, 2011, the
19 Commissioner of Social Services shall provide notice to pharmacists
20 who provide services to beneficiaries of a medical assistance program
21 administered by the department that such pharmacists may bill the
22 department for supplies utilized in the treatment of diabetes using the
23 durable medical equipment, medical surgical supply fee schedule. The
24 commissioner shall provide a copy of such notice to the joint standing
25 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
26 relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets of state
27 agencies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-280a

Statement of Purpose:

To add Medicaid coverage for certain preventive over-the-counter drugs such as aspirin and folic acid in accordance with federal law.

[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.]