



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 417**

LCO No. 3258



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:  
(INS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CONFERENCES BETWEEN HEALTH CARRIERS' CLINICAL PEERS AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 38a-591d of the  
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

4 (3) After a covered person, a covered person's authorized  
5 representative or a covered person's health care professional is notified  
6 of an initial adverse determination that was based, in whole or in part,  
7 on medical necessity, of a concurrent or prospective utilization review  
8 or of a benefit request, a health carrier [may] shall offer a covered  
9 person's health care professional the opportunity to confer with a  
10 clinical peer of such health carrier, provided such covered person,  
11 covered person's authorized representative or covered person's health  
12 care professional has not filed a grievance of such initial adverse  
13 determination prior to such conference. Such conference shall not be  
14 considered a grievance of such initial adverse determination.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	38a-591d(a)(3)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require health carriers to offer to a covered person's health care professional, after an initial adverse determination based in whole or in part on medical necessity, of a concurrent or prospective utilization review or of a benefit request, the opportunity to confer with a clinical peer of such health carrier.

*[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.]*

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