



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 872

LCO No. 3294



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SUPPLIES FOR THE TREATMENT OF LYMPHEDEMA.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2016*) Each individual health
2 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in
3 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general
4 statutes delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or
5 continued in this state, shall provide coverage for supplies prescribed
6 by a physician for the treatment of lymphedema. Such supplies shall
7 be considered durable medical equipment under the policy. As used in
8 this section, "lymphedema" means a chronic condition in which excess
9 fluid or lymph collects in tissues of the body and causes edema,
10 deformity, skin changes and infection in such tissues due to missing,
11 impaired or damaged channels or ducts that transport lymph.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2016*) Each group health insurance
13 policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),
14 (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered,
15 issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state, shall

16 provide coverage for supplies prescribed by a physician for the
17 treatment of lymphedema. Such supplies shall be considered durable
18 medical equipment under the policy. As used in this section,
19 "lymphedema" means a chronic condition in which excess fluid or
20 lymph collects in tissues of the body and causes edema, deformity,
21 skin changes and infection in such tissues due to missing, impaired or
22 damaged channels or ducts that transport lymph.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require health insurance coverage for supplies prescribed by a physician for the treatment of lymphedema.

[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.]