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Public Act No. 15-139

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:

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 Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 38a-591d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

(3) (A) At the time a health carrier notifies a covered person, a covered person's authorized representative or a covered person's health care professional of an initial adverse determination that was based, in whole or in part, on medical necessity, of a concurrent or prospective utilization review or of a benefit request, the health carrier shall notify the covered person's health care professional (i) of the opportunity for a conference as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, and (ii) that such conference shall not be considered a grievance of such initial adverse determination as long as a grievance has not been filed as set forth in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision.

(B) After a health carrier notifies a covered person, a covered person's authorized representative or a covered person's health care professional [is notified] of an initial adverse determination that was

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based, in whole or in part, on medical necessity, of a concurrent or prospective utilization review or of a benefit request, [a] the health carrier [may] shall offer a covered person's health care professional the opportunity to confer, at the request of the covered person's health care professional, with a clinical peer of such health carrier, provided such covered person, covered person's authorized representative or covered person's health care professional has not filed a grievance of such initial adverse determination prior to such conference. Such conference shall not be considered a grievance of such initial adverse determination.

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