



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1510



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 38a-497 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2017*):

3 (a) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of
4 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (10), (11) and (12) of
5 section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or
6 continued in this state shall provide that coverage of a child shall
7 terminate no earlier than the policy anniversary date on or after
8 whichever of the following occurs first, the date on which the child:
9 Becomes covered under a group health plan through the dependent's
10 own employment; or attains the age of twenty-six.

11 (b) Each such policy and each individual health insurance policy
12 providing coverage of the type specified in subdivision (16) of section
13 38a-469, that includes or provides dental coverage, shall provide that
14 dental coverage of a child shall terminate no earlier than the policy
15 anniversary date on or after the date on which the child attains the age

16 of twenty-six.

17 (c) Each [such] policy subject to the provisions of this section shall
18 cover a stepchild on the same basis as a biological child.

19 Sec. 2. Section 38a-512b of the general statutes is repealed and the
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2017*):

21 (a) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the
22 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (10), (11) and (12) of
23 section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or
24 continued in this state shall provide that coverage of a child shall
25 terminate no earlier than the policy anniversary date on or after
26 whichever of the following occurs first, the date on which the child:
27 Becomes covered under a group health plan through the dependent's
28 own employment; or attains the age of twenty-six.

29 (b) Each such policy and each group health insurance policy
30 providing coverage of the type specified in subdivision (16) of section
31 38a-469, that includes or provides dental coverage, shall provide that
32 dental coverage of a child shall terminate no earlier than the policy
33 anniversary date on or after the date on which the child attains the age
34 of twenty-six.

35 (c) Each [such] policy subject to the provisions of this section shall
36 cover a stepchild on the same basis as a biological child.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2017	38a-497
Sec. 2	January 1, 2017	38a-512b

Statement of Purpose:

To allow children to retain dental insurance coverage under their parents' insurance policies until they attain the age of twenty-six.

[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.]