



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5620

LCO No. 2784



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR OPIOID ANALGESICS AND REQUIRING A STUDY OF IMPEDIMENTS TO INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2017*) No insurance company,
2 health care center, hospital service corporation, medical service
3 corporation, fraternal benefit society or other entity that delivers,
4 issues for delivery, renews, amends or continues in this state an
5 individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the type
6 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11), (12) and (16) of section 38a-
7 469 of the general statutes and that provides coverage for prescription
8 drugs shall provide coverage for more than a thirty-day supply of any
9 opioid analgesic per initial prescription or per refill of such
10 prescription.

11 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2017*) No insurance company,
12 health care center, hospital service corporation, medical service
13 corporation, fraternal benefit society or other entity that delivers,

14 issues for delivery, renews, amends or continues in this state a group
15 health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in
16 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11), (12) and (16) of section 38a-469 of the
17 general statutes and that provides coverage for prescription drugs
18 shall provide coverage for more than a thirty-day supply of any opioid
19 analgesic per initial prescription or per refill of such prescription.

20 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Insurance Commissioner shall
21 study the impediments that exist, if any, for insureds to receive
22 treatments for substance use disorders under their health insurance
23 policies or health benefit plans. Such study shall include, but need not
24 be limited to, (1) the extent to which coverage is provided under health
25 insurance policies or health benefit plans, (2) the types of treatments
26 covered under such policies or plans, (3) the requirements, if any, that
27 insureds must meet for such treatments to be covered under such
28 policies or plans, and (4) the cost-sharing requirements for insureds for
29 such treatments. Not later than January 31, 2017, the commissioner
30 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
31 4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the
32 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance
33 and public health, summarizing the commissioner's findings.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit health insurers and other entities from providing coverage for opioid analgesics for more than a thirty-day supply per prescription or refill, and require the Insurance Commissioner to study impediments for insureds to receive substance use disorder treatment and submit a report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters related to insurance and public health.

[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.]