



General Assembly

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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

**APP**       *Joint Favorable*