AN ACT EXPANDING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS.

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

Section 1. Section 38a-490b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January 1, 2020):

Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state shall provide coverage for hearing aids [for children twelve years of age or younger.] Such hearing aids shall be considered durable medical equipment under the policy and the policy may limit the hearing aid benefit to one thousand dollars within a twenty-four-month period.

Sec. 2. Section 38a-516b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January 1, 2020):

Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this
state shall provide coverage for hearing aids, [for children twelve years
of age or younger.] Such hearing aids shall be considered durable
medical equipment under the policy and the policy may limit the
hearing aid benefit to one thousand dollars within a twenty-four-
month period.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:

| Section 1 | January 1, 2020 | 38a-490b |
| Sec. 2    | January 1, 2020 | 38a-516b |

Statement of Purpose:
To expand required health insurance coverage for hearing aids to
individuals older than twelve years of age.

[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.]

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