



**House Bill No. 5213**

**Public Act No. 19-133**

**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 Section 38a-490b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):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] hearing aid per ear 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 Section 38a-516b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):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

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