



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 19

LCO No. 95



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH COVERAGE FOR OUTPATIENT
PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS.**

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

1 That title 38a of the general statutes be amended to provide that no
2 health insurance policy providing coverage for outpatient prescription
3 drugs, or mental health care benefits provided under state law, with
4 state funds or to state employees, shall: (1) Require a prescribing health
5 care provider to prescribe an outpatient psychotropic drug in a quantity
6 that the provider deems clinically inappropriate; or (2) if a prescribing
7 health care provider deems a ninety-day supply of a covered outpatient
8 psychotropic drug to be clinically inappropriate, impose a coinsurance,
9 copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for the prescribed
10 supply of such drug in an amount that exceeds the amount of the
11 coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for
12 a ninety-day supply of such drug reduced pro rata according to the
13 quantity of the prescribed supply of such drug.

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit health insurance policies providing coverage for outpatient prescription drugs, and mental health care benefits provided under state law, with state funds or to state employees, from: (1) Requiring a prescribing health care provider to prescribe an outpatient psychotropic drug in a quantity that the provider deems clinically inappropriate; or (2) imposing increased cost-sharing for less than a ninety-day supply of a covered outpatient psychotropic drug if a prescribing health care provider deems a ninety-day supply of such drug to be clinically inappropriate.