



General Assembly

Amendment

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To: Senate Bill No. **1008**

File No. 365

Cal. No. 232

"AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH EQUITY, THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND PULSE OXIMETERS."

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) For the purposes of this
4 section:

5 (1) "Health care provider" has the same meaning as provided in
6 section 38a-477aa of the general statutes;

7 (2) "Health carrier" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-
8 1080 of the general statutes;

9 (3) "Insured" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-1 of
10 the general statutes;

11 (4) "Pharmacist" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-
12 479aaa of the general statutes;

13 (5) "Pharmacy" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-
14 479aaa of the general statutes; and

15 (6) "Pharmacy benefits manager" has the same meaning as provided
16 in section 38a-479aaa of the general statutes.

17 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Department of Public Health,
18 in consultation with the Insurance Department, shall develop
19 educational materials to ensure that each health care provider, health
20 carrier, pharmacist, pharmacy and pharmacy benefits manager doing
21 business in this state is informed that a pulse oximeter is more likely to
22 produce an inaccurate blood oxygen level reading for an insured who is
23 an individual of color as opposed to an insured who is a white
24 individual.

25 (c) Not later than July 1, 2022, the Department of Public Health shall:

26 (1) Post the educational materials developed pursuant to subsection
27 (b) of this section on the department's Internet web site; and

28 (2) Distribute the educational materials developed pursuant to
29 subsection (b) of this section to each:

30 (A) Health care provider;

31 (B) Pharmacy; and

32 (C) Medical school located in this state for dissemination to such
33 school's students."

34 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
35 internal references accordingly:

36 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) For the purposes of this
37 section:

38 (1) "Health carrier" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-
39 1080 of the general statutes; and

40 (2) "Pharmacy benefits manager" has the same meaning as provided
 41 in section 38a-479aaa of the general statutes.

42 (b) Not later than July 1, 2022, the Insurance Department shall:

43 (1) Post the educational materials developed pursuant to subsection
 44 (b) of section 1 of this act on the department's Internet web site; and

45 (2) Distribute the educational materials developed pursuant to
 46 subsection (b) of section 1 of this act to each health carrier and pharmacy
 47 benefits manager doing business in this state."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
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