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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6111

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"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING PROGRAM."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 38a-510 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
5 *1, 2022*):

6 (a) No insurance company, hospital service corporation, medical
7 service corporation, health care center or other entity delivering, issuing
8 for delivery, renewing, amending or continuing an individual health
9 insurance policy or contract that provides coverage for prescription
10 drugs may:

11 (1) Require any person covered under such policy or contract to
12 obtain prescription drugs from a mail order pharmacy as a condition of

13 obtaining benefits for such drugs; or

14 (2) Require, if such insurance company, hospital service corporation,
15 medical service corporation, health care center or other entity uses step
16 therapy for such drugs, the use of step therapy for:

17 (A) [any] Any prescribed drug for longer than sixty days; [] or

18 (B) [a] A prescribed drug for [cancer] treatment of a behavioral health
19 condition or for an insured who has been diagnosed with stage IV
20 metastatic cancer, provided such prescribed drug is in compliance with
21 approved federal Food and Drug Administration indications.

22 (3) At the expiration of the time period specified in subparagraph (A)
23 of subdivision (2) of this subsection, [or for a prescribed drug described
24 in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of this subsection,] an insured's
25 treating health care provider may deem such step therapy drug regimen
26 clinically ineffective for the insured, at which time the insurance
27 company, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation,
28 health care center or other entity shall authorize dispensation of and
29 coverage for the drug prescribed by the insured's treating health care
30 provider, provided such drug is a covered drug under such policy or
31 contract. If such provider does not deem such step therapy drug
32 regimen clinically ineffective or has not requested an override pursuant
33 to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, such drug regimen
34 may be continued. For purposes of this section, "step therapy" means a
35 protocol or program that establishes the specific sequence in which
36 prescription drugs for a specified medical condition are to be prescribed.

37 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 38a-544 of the general statutes is
38 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
39 *1, 2022*):

40 (a) No insurance company, hospital service corporation, medical
41 service corporation, health care center or other entity delivering, issuing
42 for delivery, renewing, amending or continuing a group health
43 insurance policy or contract that provides coverage for prescription

44 drugs may:

45 (1) Require any person covered under such policy or contract to
46 obtain prescription drugs from a mail order pharmacy as a condition of
47 obtaining benefits for such drugs; or

48 (2) Require, if such insurance company, hospital service corporation,
49 medical service corporation, health care center or other entity uses step
50 therapy for such drugs, the use of step therapy for:

51 (A) [any] Any prescribed drug for longer than sixty days; [] or

52 (B) [a] A prescribed drug for [cancer] treatment of a behavioral health
53 condition or for an insured who has been diagnosed with stage IV
54 metastatic cancer, provided such prescribed drug is in compliance with
55 approved federal Food and Drug Administration indications.

56 (3) At the expiration of the time period specified in subparagraph (A)
57 of subdivision (2) of this subsection, [or for a prescribed drug described
58 in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of this subsection,] an insured's
59 treating health care provider may deem such step therapy drug regimen
60 clinically ineffective for the insured, at which time the insurance
61 company, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation,
62 health care center or other entity shall authorize dispensation of and
63 coverage for the drug prescribed by the insured's treating health care
64 provider, provided such drug is a covered drug under such policy or
65 contract. If such provider does not deem such step therapy drug
66 regimen clinically ineffective or has not requested an override pursuant
67 to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, such drug regimen
68 may be continued. For purposes of this section, "step therapy" means a
69 protocol or program that establishes the specific sequence in which
70 prescription drugs for a specified medical condition are to be
71 prescribed."

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

Section 1	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	38a-510(a)
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	38a-544(a)