



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5213

LCO No. 5489



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

**AN ACT EXPANDING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE
FOR HEARING AIDS.**

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

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 Section 38a-490b of the general statutes is repealed and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

3 Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the
4 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
5 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in
6 this state shall provide coverage for hearing aids. [for children twelve
7 years of age or younger.] Such hearing aids shall be considered
8 durable medical equipment under the policy and the policy may limit
9 the hearing aid benefit to one thousand dollars within a twenty-four-
10 month period.

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 Section 38a-516b of the general statutes is repealed and the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

13 Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type
14 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469
15 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this

16 state shall provide coverage for hearing aids. [for children twelve years
17 of age or younger.] Such hearing aids shall be considered durable
18 medical equipment under the policy and the policy may limit the
19 hearing aid benefit to one thousand dollars within a twenty-four-
20 month period.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	38a-490b
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	38a-516b

INS *Joint Favorable*