

BULLETIN HC-70-12-2 OCTOBER 26, 2012

TO: ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES, FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES, HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS, MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS AND HEALTH CARE CENTERS THAT DELIVER OR ISSUE INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES IN CONNECTICUT

RE: NOTICE PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE 38a-477a OF NEW OR MODIFIED BENEFITS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED

The legislature enacted a new law that impacts both individual and group health insurance policies delivered or issued for delivery in Connecticut. All entities are reminded that all policy forms are subject to prior approval. Policies are reviewed in the order of date received by the Insurance Department. For policy forms that are already approved, you are asked to file an endorsement or amendatory rider to be attached to the approved policy in order to expedite the review process. For new benefits on policies that require rates be filed, a rate filing should be made at the same time as the form filing even if there is no adjustment to the rates.

<u>PUBLIC ACT 12-197 AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC</u> HEALTH STATUTES

Sections 20 and 21 of this public act amend Conn. Gen. Statutes §38a-492i and §38a-518a to expand the definition of pain management specialist to include physiatrist.

This provision applies to both group and individual policies of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (10), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state. This law was effective on passage.

QUESTIONS

Please contact the Insurance Department Life and Health Division at <u>cid.lh@ ct.gov</u> with any questions about the Public Act in this notice.

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