STATE OF CONNECTICUT



INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

BULLETIN HC-70-09-2 NOVEMBER 23, 2009

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 group and individual 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. Entities should file a red lined version as well as two clean copies along with a postage paid envelope of sufficient size to receive a stamped copy. In addition, 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. Since some mandates are required to be added to existing policies prior to renewal, carriers should file forms and rates as early as possible to meet any contractual notice requirements.

Public Act 09-3 of the September Special Session, AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET CONCERNING PUBLIC HEALTH AND MAKING CHANGES TO VARIOUS HEALTH STATUTES.

This public act increases the limits for medically necessary early intervention services provided through the Birth to Three program for both group and individual health insurance of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The annual limit increases from \$3,200 to \$6,400, and the aggregate limit for the three year period increases from \$9,600 to \$19,200. These provisions were effective from passage.

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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