



**Senate Bill No. 918**

**Public Act No. 03-58**

**AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR INPATIENT DENTAL CARE.**

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

Section 1. Section 38a-491a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

(a) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed or continued in this state on or after January 1, 2000, shall provide coverage for general anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services provided in conjunction with in-patient, outpatient or one-day dental services if the following conditions are met:

(1) The anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services are deemed medically necessary by the treating dentist or oral surgeon and the patient's primary care physician in accordance with the health insurance policy's requirements for prior authorization of services; and

(2) The patient is either (A) [a child under the age of four who is] determined by a licensed dentist, in conjunction with a licensed physician who specializes in primary care, to have a dental condition of significant dental complexity that it requires certain dental procedures to be performed in a hospital, or (B) a person who has a developmental disability, as determined by a licensed physician who specializes in primary care, that places the person at serious risk.

(b) The expense of such anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services shall be deemed a medical expense under such health insurance policy and shall not be subject to any limits on dental benefits under such policy.

Sec. 2. Section 38a-517a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

(a) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed or continued in this state on or after January 1, 2000, shall provide coverage for general anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services provided in conjunction with in-

patient, outpatient or one-day dental services if the following conditions are met:

(1) The anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services are deemed medically necessary by the treating dentist or oral surgeon and the patient's primary care physician in accordance with the health insurance policy's requirements for prior authorization of services; and

(2) The patient is either (A) [a child under the age of four who is] determined by a licensed dentist, in conjunction with a licensed physician who specializes in primary care, to have a dental condition of significant dental complexity that it requires certain dental procedures to be performed in a hospital, or (B) a person who has a developmental disability, as determined by a licensed physician who specializes in primary care, that places the person at serious risk.

(b) The expense of such anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services shall be deemed a medical expense under such health insurance policy and shall not be subject to any limits on dental benefits under such policy.

Approved June 3, 2003