



**Senate Bill No. 1004**

**Public Act No. 21-149**

**AN ACT CONCERNING DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE  
COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, STEPCHILDREN AND OTHER  
DEPENDENT CHILDREN.**

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

Section 1. Section 38a-497 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

(a) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (10), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this state shall provide that coverage of a child, stepchild or other dependent child shall terminate [no] not earlier than the policy anniversary date [on or] after [whichever of the following occurs first,] the date on which the child, [: Becomes covered under a group health plan through the dependent's own employment; or] stepchild or other dependent child attains the age of twenty-six.

(b) Each individual health insurance policy described in subsection (a) of this section, and each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivision (16) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this state, that includes or provides dental or vision coverage shall provide

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that dental or vision coverage of a child, stepchild or other dependent child shall terminate not earlier than the policy anniversary date after the date on which the child, stepchild or other dependent child attains the age of twenty-six.

(c) Each [such] policy subject to this section shall cover a stepchild or other dependent child on the same basis as a biological child.

Sec. 2. Section 38a-512b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

(a) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (10), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this state shall provide that coverage of a child, stepchild or other dependent child shall terminate [no] not earlier than the policy anniversary date [on or] after [whichever of the following occurs first,] the date on which the child, [: Becomes covered under a group health plan through the dependent's own employment; or] stepchild or other dependent child attains the age of twenty-six.

(b) Each group health insurance policy described in subsection (a) of this section, and each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivision (16) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this state, that includes or provides dental or vision coverage shall provide that dental or vision coverage of a child, stepchild or other dependent child shall terminate not earlier than the policy anniversary date after the date on which the child, stepchild or other dependent child attains the age of twenty-six.

(c) Each [such] policy subject to this section shall cover a stepchild or other dependent child on the same basis as a biological child.

Approved July 7, 2021