



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 357**

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Senate Bill No. 363

*Senate, April 6, 2022*

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through SEN. LESSER of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT  
PARITY FOR PODIATRISTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2023*) No insurer, health care  
2 center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation,  
3 fraternal benefit society or other entity that delivers, issues for delivery,  
4 renews, amends or continues an individual or group health insurance  
5 policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),  
6 (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes in this state on  
7 or after January 1, 2023, shall pay a reduced reimbursement to a licensed  
8 health care provider who provides a covered benefit within such  
9 provider's scope of practice solely because such provider is a podiatrist.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>January 1, 2023</i>	New section
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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE <sup>1</sup> - Cost	See Below	See Below

**Explanation**

The bill results in an increase in premium costs to fully insured municipal health plans to the extent that the provisions in the bill result in an increase in reimbursements for podiatry services. Increases in premium costs will occur when municipalities enter new health insurance contracts after January 1, 2023.

The bill is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state employee and retiree health plans and self-insured municipal health plans because the provisions contained in the bill are limited to fully insured health plans.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

<sup>1</sup> State mandate is defined in Sec. 2-32b(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes, "state mandate" means any state initiated constitutional, statutory or executive action that requires a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 363*****AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT  
PARITY FOR PODIATRISTS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits health carriers (e.g., insurers and HMOs) from paying a reduced reimbursement to a licensed health care provider who provides a covered benefit within his or her scope of practice solely because he or she is a podiatrist. By law, a podiatrist diagnoses and treats foot and ankle ailments (CGS § 20-50).

The bill applies to each insurer, HMO, hospital or medical service corporation, fraternal benefit society, and other entity that delivers, issues, renews, amends, or continues a fully-insured individual or group health insurance policy on or after January 1, 2023, that covers (1) basic hospital expenses; (2) basic medical-surgical expenses; (3) major medical expenses; or (4) hospital or medical services, including those provided under an HMO plan.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2023

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

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Yea 14    Nay 3    (03/22/2022)