



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

In accordance with section 79 of Connecticut Public Act No. 13-3, notice is hereby given that the Insurance Commissioner is seeking written comments relating to the methods the Insurance Department ("Department") might use to check for compliance with state and federal mental health parity laws by health insurance companies and other entities under its jurisdiction. Comments received will be included in a report to be issued not later than January 1, 2014 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to Insurance and Public Health. The report shall cover the methodology the Department is using to check for compliance with mental health parity under state law and also check for compliance with the interim regulations or guidance or the final regulations or guidance, whichever is in effect, published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services relating to the compliance and oversight requirements of the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments, data, views or arguments within thirty days following the date of publication of this notice on the Connecticut Insurance Department website. Written comments may be submitted in any of the following ways:

1. **Electronically:** You may submit comments to [CID: Mental Health Parity Comments](#)
2. **Regular Mail:** Mail written comments to the following address:

Connecticut Insurance Department
PO Box 816
Hartford, CT 06142-0816
Attn: Mental Health Parity Report

3. **Hand delivered, courier, express or overnight mail:** Send written comments to:

Connecticut Insurance Department
153 Market Street
7th floor
Hartford, CT 06103
Attn: Mental Health Parity Report

The Department encourages all interested parties to submit comments. For those Connecticut consumers covered through commercial health insurance, the Department seeks to ensure that all such consumers receive benefits to the full extent under the terms of their health insurance policies and under state and federal law. The Department anticipates that the receipt of thoughtful comments will assist the Department in these efforts and also may help in identifying possible legislative changes, if necessary.

Copies of the comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Insurance Department at 153 Market Street, 7th floor, Hartford, CT 06103.

The Insurance Department does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services or activities, in accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals requiring auxiliary aids for communication or other accommodation are invited to make their needs known to Patty Tiberio at (860) 297-3932.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 12th day of September, 2013

Thomas B. Leonardi
Insurance Commissioner