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REP. CHRIS PERONE: INTENT OF FERTILITY COVERAGE MEASURE UPDATED

House Commerce Committee Chair Chris Perone (D-Norwalk) lauds a change reported by the Connecticut Insurance Department to cover medically necessary infertility treatment for women over 40 years of age, fully implementing legislation he previously championed through the legislature.

“Ten years ago I got a bill passed that mandated the coverage of infertility. The only downside was that coverage was capped at age at 40,” **Rep. Perone** said. “This action, which applies to state-regulated insurance policies initiated or renewed after January 1, 2016, finally removes the age cap on our infertility coverage law.”

The change follows the results of a review process from insurers and the National Women’s Law Center that determined, contrary to prior research, that infertility treatment may be medically effective for women over the age of 40. As a result, the coverage changes were implemented in accordance with Federal guidelines in the affordable care act that prohibit discrimination in benefits because of age.

“It is not uncommon for women to wait until later in life to have children, especially with advances over the years that have made it medically safer for mothers and children,” **Rep. Perone** added. “This was something that I said I would keep pushing for since passing the legislation years ago. I am very pleased - this decision complements my original intent for the law.”

Rep. Perone is serving his sixth legislative term in the Connecticut General Assembly. In addition to co-chairing the Commerce Committee, he also serves as a member of the Energy & Technology, and the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committees.

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