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AN ACT  
RELATING TO HEALTH COVERAGE; ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE HEALTH  
CARE PURCHASING ACT, THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT AND THE NEW  
MEXICO INSURANCE CODE TO REQUIRE COVERAGE OF ARTERY  
CALCIFICATION SCREENING FOR EARLY DETECTION OF CARDIOVASCULAR  
DISEASE IN CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Health Care Purchasing  
Act is enacted to read:

"ARTERY CALCIFICATION SCREENING COVERAGE.--

A. Group health coverage, including any form of  
self-insurance, offered, issued or renewed under the Health  
Care Purchasing Act shall provide coverage for eligible  
enrollees to receive artery calcification screening.

B. Coverage provided pursuant to this section  
shall:

(1) be limited to the provision of an artery  
calcification screening to an eligible enrollee once every  
five years; and

(2) not be subject to a deductible.

C. The provisions of this section shall not apply  
to short-term travel, accident-only or limited or specified-  
disease policies, plans or certificates of health insurance.

1 D. As used in this section:

2 (1) "artery calcification screening" means a  
3 computed tomography scan measuring coronary artery  
4 calcification for atherosclerosis and abnormal artery  
5 structure and function; and

6 (2) "eligible enrollee" means an enrollee  
7 who:

8 (a) is: 1) a male older than thirty  
9 years of age and younger than seventy-six years of age; or 2)  
10 a female older than forty years of age and younger than  
11 seventy-six years of age; and

12 (b) has a risk of developing coronary  
13 heart disease based on at least one of the following:  
14 hypertension, hyperlipidemia, diabetes, smoking or family  
15 history of heart disease."

16 SECTION 2. A new section of the Public Assistance Act  
17 is enacted to read:

18 "ARTERY CALCIFICATION SCREENING COVERAGE.--

19 A. By January 1, 2020 and in accordance with  
20 federal law, the secretary shall adopt and promulgate rules  
21 that provide medicaid coverage for eligible recipients to  
22 receive artery calcification screening.

23 B. Medicaid coverage provided pursuant to this  
24 section shall be limited to the provision of an artery  
25 calcification screening to an eligible recipient once every

1 five years.

2 C. As used in this section:

3 (1) "artery calcification screening" means a  
4 computed tomography scan measuring coronary artery  
5 calcification for atherosclerosis and abnormal artery  
6 structure and function; and

7 (2) "eligible recipient" means a recipient  
8 who:

9 (a) is: 1) a male older than thirty  
10 years of age and younger than seventy-six years of age; or 2)  
11 a female older than forty years of age and younger than  
12 seventy-six years of age; and

13 (b) has a risk of developing coronary  
14 heart disease based on at least one of the following:  
15 hypertension, hyperlipidemia, diabetes, smoking or family  
16 history of heart disease."

17 **SECTION 3.** A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 22  
18 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

19 "ARTERY CALCIFICATION SCREENING COVERAGE.--

20 A. An individual or group health insurance policy,  
21 health care plan and certificate of health insurance  
22 delivered or issued for delivery in this state shall provide  
23 coverage for eligible insureds to receive artery  
24 calcification screening.

25 B. Coverage provided pursuant to this section

1 shall:

2 (1) be limited to the provision of an artery  
3 calcification screening to an eligible insured once every  
4 five years; and

5 (2) not be subject to a deductible.

6 C. The provisions of this section apply to the  
7 following types of health benefit plans delivered or issued  
8 for delivery after January 1, 2020:

9 (1) an individual or group health insurance  
10 policy or plan or certificate of health insurance regulated  
11 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 59A, Article 22  
12 or 23 NMSA 1978;

13 (2) a health maintenance organization  
14 contract regulated in accordance with the provisions of the  
15 Health Maintenance Organization Law; and

16 (3) a nonprofit health care plan regulated  
17 in accordance with the provisions of the Nonprofit Health  
18 Care Plan Law.

19 D. The provisions of this section do not apply to  
20 short-term travel, accident-only or limited or specified-  
21 disease policies, plans or certificates of health insurance.

22 E. As used in this section:

23 (1) "artery calcification screening" means a  
24 computed tomography scan measuring coronary artery  
25 calcification for atherosclerosis and abnormal artery

1 structure and function;

2 (2) "eligible insured" means an insured who:

3 (a) is: 1) a male older than thirty  
4 years of age and younger than seventy-six years of age; or 2)  
5 a female older than forty years of age and younger than  
6 seventy-six years of age; and

7 (b) has a risk of developing coronary  
8 heart disease based on at least one of the following:  
9 hypertension, hyperlipidemia, diabetes, smoking or family  
10 history of heart disease; and

11 (3) "health benefit plan" means a health  
12 insurance policy, health care plan, certificate of health  
13 insurance, health maintenance organization contract or  
14 nonprofit health care plan contract delivered or issued for  
15 delivery in this state."

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