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HOUSE BILL 510

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE; REQUIRING INSURERS TO COVER
PERIODIC COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING TESTS.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 22 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] COVERAGE OF COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING.--

A. An individual or group health insurance policy,
health care plan and certificate of health insurance that is
delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state shall
provide coverage for colorectal screening for determining the
presence of precancerous or cancerous conditions and other
health problems. The coverage shall make available colorectal
cancer screening, as determined by the health care provider in
accordance with national medical standards.

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1 B. Coverage for colorectal screening may be subject
2 to deductibles and coinsurance consistent with those imposed on
3 other benefits under the same policy, plan or certificate.

4 C. The provisions of this section shall not apply
5 to short-term travel, accident-only or limited or specified-
6 disease policies."

7 Section 2. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 23 NMSA
8 1978 is enacted to read:

9 "[NEW MATERIAL] COVERAGE OF COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING.--

10 A. A blanket or group health policy, health care
11 plan or certificate of health insurance that is delivered,
12 issued for delivery or renewed in this state shall provide
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14 of precancerous or cancerous conditions and other health
15 problems. The coverage shall make available colorectal cancer
16 screening, as determined by the health care provider in
17 accordance with national medical standards.

18 B. Coverage for colorectal screening may be subject
19 to deductibles and coinsurance consistent with those imposed on
20 other benefits under the same policy, plan or certificate.

21 C. The provisions of this section shall not apply
22 to short-term travel, accident-only or limited or specified-
23 disease policies."

24 Section 3. A new section of the Health Maintenance
25 Organization Law is enacted to read:

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1 "[NEW MATERIAL] COVERAGE OF COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING.--

2 A. An individual or group health maintenance
3 organization contract that is delivered, issued for delivery or
4 renewed in this state shall provide coverage for colorectal
5 screening for determining the presence of precancerous or
6 cancerous conditions and other health problems. The coverage
7 shall make available colorectal cancer screening, as determined
8 by the health care provider in accordance with national medical
9 standards.

10 B. Coverage for colorectal screening may be subject
11 to deductibles and coinsurance consistent with those imposed on
12 other benefits under the same policy, plan or certificate."

13 Section 4. A new section of the Nonprofit Health Care
14 Plan Law is enacted to read:

15 "[NEW MATERIAL] COVERAGE OF COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING.--

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17 care plan or certificate of health insurance that is delivered,
18 issued for delivery or renewed in this state shall provide
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