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SENATE BILL 851

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 the evidence-based recommendations of the United

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1 States preventive services task force.

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

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

9 Section 2. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 23 NMSA
10 1978 is enacted to read:

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

12 A. A blanket or group health policy, health care
13 plan or certificate of health insurance that is delivered,
14 issued for delivery or renewed in this state shall provide
15 coverage for colorectal screening for determining the presence
16 of precancerous or cancerous conditions and other health
17 problems. The coverage shall make available colorectal cancer
18 screening, as determined by the health care provider in
19 accordance with the evidence-based recommendations of the
20 United States preventive services task force.

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

25 C. The provisions of this section shall not apply

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2 disease policies. "

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

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

6 A. An individual or group health maintenance
7 organization contract that is delivered, issued for delivery
8 or renewed in this state shall provide coverage for colorectal
9 screening for determining the presence of precancerous or
10 cancerous conditions and other health problems. The coverage
11 shall make available colorectal cancer screening, as
12 determined by the health care provider in accordance with the
13 evidence-based recommendations of the United States preventive
14 services task force.

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

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

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

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23 care plan or certificate of health insurance that is
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