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HOUSE BILL 406

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

INTRODUCED BY

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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  
TEST.--An individual or group health insurance policy, health  
care plan or certificate of health insurance that is delivered,  
issued for delivery or renewed in the state shall provide  
coverage for periodic colorectal cancer screening tests based  
on best practices."

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

"[NEW MATERIAL] COVERAGE OF COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

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1 TEST.--A blanket or group health policy, health care plan or  
2 certificate of health insurance that is delivered, issued for  
3 delivery or renewed in the state shall provide coverage for  
4 periodic colorectal cancer screening tests based on best  
5 practices."

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

8 "[NEW MATERIAL] COVERAGE OF COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING  
9 TEST.--An individual or group health maintenance organization  
10 policy, health care plan or certificate of health insurance  
11 that is delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in the state  
12 shall provide coverage for periodic colorectal cancer screening  
13 tests based on best practices."

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

16 "[NEW MATERIAL] COVERAGE OF COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING  
17 TEST.--An individual or group health insurance policy, health  
18 care plan or certificate of health insurance that is delivered,  
19 issued for delivery or renewed in the state shall provide  
20 coverage for periodic colorectal cancer screening tests based  
21 on best practices."

22 Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
23 provisions of this act is July 1, 2006.