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HOUSE BILL 58

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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:

"[NEW MATERIAL] 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

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1 shall:

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

5 (2) not be subject to a deductible.

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

9 D. As used in this section:

10 (1) "artery calcification screening" means a
11 computed tomography scan measuring coronary artery
12 calcification for atherosclerosis and abnormal artery structure
13 and function; and

14 (2) "eligible enrollee" means an enrollee who:

15 (a) is: 1) a male older than thirty
16 years of age and younger than seventy-six years of age; or 2) a
17 female older than forty years of age and younger than seventy-
18 six years of age; and

19 (b) has a risk of developing coronary
20 heart disease based on at least one of the following:
21 hypertension, hyperlipidemia, diabetes, smoking or family
22 history of heart disease."

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

25 "[NEW MATERIAL] ARTERY CALCIFICATION SCREENING COVERAGE.--

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

5 B. Medicaid coverage provided pursuant to this
6 section shall be limited to the provision of an artery
7 calcification screening to an eligible recipient once every
8 five years.

9 C. As used in this section:

10 (1) "artery calcification screening" means a
11 computed tomography scan measuring coronary artery
12 calcification for atherosclerosis and abnormal artery structure
13 and function; and

14 (2) "eligible recipient" means a recipient
15 who:

16 (a) is: 1) a male older than thirty
17 years of age and younger than seventy-six years of age; or 2) a
18 female older than forty years of age and younger than seventy-
19 six years of age; and

20 (b) has a risk of developing coronary
21 heart disease based on at least one of the following:
22 hypertension, hyperlipidemia, diabetes, smoking or family
23 history of heart disease."

24 **SECTION 3.** A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 22 NMSA
25 1978 is enacted to read:

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1 "[NEW MATERIAL] ARTERY CALCIFICATION SCREENING COVERAGE.--

2 A. An individual or group health insurance policy,
3 health care plan and certificate of health insurance delivered
4 or issued for delivery in this state shall provide coverage for
5 eligible insureds to receive artery calcification screening.

6 B. Coverage provided pursuant to this section
7 shall:

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

11 (2) not be subject to a deductible.

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

15 (1) an individual or group health insurance
16 policy or plan or certificate of health insurance regulated in
17 accordance with the provisions of Chapter 59A, Article 22 or 23
18 NMSA 1978;

19 (2) a health maintenance organization contract
20 regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Health
21 Maintenance Organization Law; and

22 (3) a nonprofit health care plan regulated in
23 accordance with the provisions of the Nonprofit Health Care
24 Plan Law.

25 D. The provisions of this section do not apply to

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1 short-term travel, accident-only or limited or specified-
2 disease policies, plans or certificates of health insurance.

3 E. As used in this section:

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

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

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

17 (3) "health benefit plan" means a health
18 insurance policy, health care plan, certificate of health
19 insurance, health maintenance organization contract or
20 nonprofit health care plan contract delivered or issued for
21 delivery in this state."