

HOUSE CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL 406

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

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  
13 coverage for colorectal screening for determining the presence  
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.--

16 A. An individual or group health policy, health  
17 care plan or certificate of health insurance that is delivered,  
18 issued for delivery or renewed in this state shall provide  
19 coverage for colorectal screening for determining the presence  
20 of precancerous or cancerous conditions and other health  
21 problems. The coverage shall make available colorectal cancer  
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