

HEALTH INSURANCE - SCREENING

COVERAGE

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Christine A. Johnson

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires health insurers to offer coverage for the screening of several types of cancer and other conditions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires health insurers to offer coverage for the screening of several types of cancer and other conditions;
- specifies that insurers are not required to cover diagnostic tests as part of the offer of coverage;
- prohibits insurers from imposing cost sharing provisions for the offered screenings greater than those required for other screenings or medical conditions;
- requires an insurer to notify members of a group that a policy does not include coverage for the offered screenings if the offer of coverage was declined; and
- grants rulemaking authority.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:



ENACTS:

31A-22-635, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **31A-22-635** is enacted to read:

31A-22-635. Coverage for cancer and HPV screenings.

(1) To each group or individual seeking to renew or purchase a health insurance policy or a health maintenance organization contract, an insurer shall offer a policy or contract that includes coverage for screening for the following conditions:

(a) colon cancer;

(b) prostate cancer;

(c) human papillomavirus (HPV); and

(d) cervical neoplasia and cancer, using the Papanicolaou (Pap) test.

(2) Coverage under Subsection (1):

(a) includes interpretation of the screening results;

(b) does not include diagnostic tests performed on a person suspected of having any of the conditions under Subsection (1); and

(c) may not include copays, deductibles, coinsurance, or other provisions that would require greater cost sharing by the insured than for the screening or diagnosis of other medical conditions.

(3) If an employer or other group renews or purchases a health insurance policy or a health maintenance organization contract but declines the coverage offered under Subsection (1), the insurer shall notify each insured within the group that the screenings under Subsection (1) are not included in the policy or contract.

(4) As necessary, the commissioner shall make rules to implement the provisions of this section.

Legislative Review Note

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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill will require some insurance providers to offer new benefit options to their clients, who may be subject to additional costs if they elect such options.
