
DIGEST

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HB 347 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires coverage for diagnostic imaging for the presence of breast cancer at the same level of coverage provided for the screening mammography examination.

Present law requires any health coverage plan which is delivered or issued for delivery in this state to include benefits payable for a minimum mammography examination.

Proposed law retains present law and requires any health coverage plan delivered or issued for delivery in this state to include coverage for diagnostic imaging at the same level of coverage provided for the minimum mammography examination pursuant to present law.

Proposed law defines "diagnostic imaging" as a diagnostic mammogram or breast ultrasound screening for breast cancer designed to evaluate an abnormality in the breast that is any of the following:

- (1) Seen or suspected from a screening examination for breast cancer.
- (2) Detected by another means of examination.
- (3) Suspected based on the medical history or family medical history of the individual.

Proposed law authorizes the health coverage plan to require a referral by the treating physician based on medical necessity for the diagnostic imaging to be eligible for the required coverage but prohibits the coverage from being subject to any policy or health coverage plan deductible amount.

Proposed law provides that any provision in a health insurance policy, benefit program, or health coverage plan delivered, renewed, issued for delivery, or otherwise contracted for in this state which is contrary to proposed law shall, to the extent of the conflict, be void.

Proposed law applies to any new policy, contract, program, or health coverage plan issued on and after Jan. 1, 2021. Any policy, contract, or health coverage plan in effect prior to Jan. 1, 2021, shall convert to conform to the provisions of proposed law on or before the renewal date, but no later than Jan. 1, 2022.

Effective Jan. 1, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 22:1028.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

1. Change the definition of diagnostic imaging.
2. Delay the effective date to Jan. 1, 2021.