

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 361

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

HEALTH/CANCER: Provides relative to colorectal screening

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1029(B), relative to colorectal cancer screening; to provide
3 for insurance coverage of routine colorectal cancer screening; to establish sources
4 of recommended testing and screening; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:1029(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1029. Requirement for coverage of colorectal cancer screening

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9 B. As used in this Section, "routine colorectal cancer screening" shall mean
10 ~~a fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy~~ any test or
11 screening provided in accordance with the most recently published recommendations
12 established by either the American College of Gastroenterology, in consultation with
13 the American Cancer Society, or the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, for
14 the ages, family histories, and frequencies referenced in such recommendations.
15 "Routine colorectal cancer screening" shall not mean services otherwise excluded
16 from coverage because they are deemed by a health coverage plan to be experimental
17 or investigational.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires any health coverage plan to cover routine colorectal cancer testing recommended by certain groups of medical experts.

Present law requires any health coverage plan to cover routine colorectal cancer screening.

Present law defines "routine colorectal cancer screening" as a fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy recommended by the American College of Gastroenterology, in consultation with the American Cancer Society.

Proposed law removes references to specific tests and allows any test or screening recommended by the named medical authorities.

Proposed law adds the National Comprehensive Cancer Network as an entity that may recommend covered tests.

(Amends R.S. 22:1029(B))