

CHAPTER 357

(House Bill 1040)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Mandated Coverage – Prostate Cancer

FOR the purpose of requiring certain health insurers to provide coverage to men of a certain age for certain medically recognized diagnostic tests used to detect prostate cancer under certain circumstances.

BY adding to

Article – Insurance

Section 15-822

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter __ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 19-706(n)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Insurance

15-822.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

(1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE INPATIENT HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

(2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE INPATIENT HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

~~(B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONDUCTING AN ANNUAL MEDICALLY RECOGNIZED DIAGNOSTIC EXAMINATION, WHICH INCLUDES A DIGITAL RECTAL EXAMINATION AND A BLOOD TEST CALLED THE PROSTATE-SPECIFIC ANTIGEN (PSA) TEST, ON ENROLLEES AND INSURED WHO ARE:~~

~~(1) MEN AGE 50 OR OLDER AND ASYMPTOMATIC; AND~~