

WHEREAS, Treatment costs could be reduced by approximately \$27 million if cases were detected earlier; and

WHEREAS, Mammography screening has a cost benefit of \$28,000 for every additional year of life saved for women aged 50 to 70; now, therefore,

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

Article - 48A - Insurance Code

354JJ.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "MAMMOGRAM" MEANS X-RAY EXAMINATION OF THE BREAST USING DEDICATED EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING X-RAY TUBE, FILTER, COMPRESSION DEVICE, SCREENS, FILMS, AND CASSETTES, SPECIFICALLY FOR MAMMOGRAPHY WITH AVERAGE RADIATION EXPOSURE TO DELIVER LESS THAN 1 RAD MID-BREAST, 2 VIEWS PER BREAST.

(3) "SCREENING MAMMOGRAM" MEANS A MAMMOGRAM THAT IS USED TO IDENTIFY BREAST CANCER IN ASYMPTOMATIC WOMEN.

(B) EACH NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN WRITTEN ON AN EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS THAT IS DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR:

(1) A BASELINE MAMMOGRAM FOR WOMEN AGED 35 TO 39;

(2) A MAMMOGRAM FOR WOMEN AGE 40 TO 49 EVERY 2 YEARS, OR MORE FREQUENTLY IF RECOMMENDED BY A PHYSICIAN; AND

(3) AN ANNUAL MAMMOGRAM FOR WOMEN AGE 50 AND OVER.

(C) ~~(1) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN IS NOT OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE COVERAGE OF MORE THAN \$100 FOR AN ANNUAL SCREENING MAMMOGRAM REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

(2) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN IS NOT OBLIGATED TO COVER SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS PROVIDED BY A FACILITY THAT IS NOT ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY OR CERTIFIED OR LICENSED UNDER A PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE.

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