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**An Act To Reduce Colorectal Cancer Incidence and Mortality by
Updating Screening Coverage**

INTRODUCED

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Cosponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham and

Senators: BLACK of Franklin, BREEN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin,

GRATWICK of Penobscot, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin,

Representatives: GRIGNON of Athens, KESCHL of Belgrade.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2763, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §2 and
3 affected by §5, is amended to read:

4 **1. Colorectal cancer screening.** For the purposes of this section, "colorectal cancer
5 screening" means a all colorectal cancer ~~examination~~ examinations and laboratory ~~test~~
6 tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the most recently
7 published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

8 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2763, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §2 and
9 affected by §5, is amended to read:

10 A. ~~Fifty years of age or older~~ At average risk for colorectal cancer according to the
11 most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer
12 society; or

13 **Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2763, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §2 and
14 affected by §5, is amended to read:

15 B. ~~Less than 50 years of age and at~~ At high risk for colorectal cancer according to the
16 most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer
17 society.

18 **Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2847-N, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §3 and
19 affected by §5, is amended to read:

20 **1. Colorectal cancer screening.** For the purposes of this section, "colorectal cancer
21 screening" means a all colorectal cancer ~~examination~~ examinations and laboratory ~~test~~
22 tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the most recently
23 published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

24 **Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §2847-N, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §3
25 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

26 A. ~~Fifty years of age or older~~ At average risk for colorectal cancer according to the
27 most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer
28 society; or

29 **Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §2847-N, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §3
30 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

31 B. ~~Less than 50 years of age and at~~ At high risk for colorectal cancer according to the
32 most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer
33 society.

34 **Sec. 7. 24-A MRSA §4254, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §4 and
35 affected by §5, is amended to read:

36 **1. Colorectal cancer screening.** For the purposes of this section, "colorectal cancer
37 screening" means a all colorectal cancer ~~examination~~ examinations and laboratory ~~test~~

1 tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the most recently
2 published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

3 **Sec. 8. 24-A MRSA §4254, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §4 and
4 affected by §5, is amended to read:

5 A. ~~Fifty years of age or older~~ At average risk for colorectal cancer according to the
6 most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer
7 society; or

8 **Sec. 9. 24-A MRSA §4254, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §4 and
9 affected by §5, is amended to read:

10 B. ~~Less than 50 years of age and at~~ At high risk for colorectal cancer according to the
11 most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer
12 society.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill removes references to the age of the patient for purposes of requiring
15 coverage for colorectal cancer screening for asymptomatic individuals who are at average
16 risk for colorectal cancer and instead requires coverage in accordance with the most
17 recently published guidelines of a national cancer society. In addition, this bill requires
18 coverage of all colorectal examinations and laboratory tests recommended by a health
19 care provider in accordance with those published guidelines.

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A. ~~Fifty years of age or older~~ At average risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society; or

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2763, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §2 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

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Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2847-N, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §3 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

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Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §2847-N, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §3 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

B. ~~Less than 50 years of age and at~~ At high risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

Sec. 7. 24-A MRSA §4254, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §4 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

1. Colorectal cancer screening. For the purposes of this section, "colorectal cancer screening" means a all colorectal cancer ~~examination~~ examinations and laboratory test tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

Sec. 8. 24-A MRSA §4254, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §4 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

A. ~~Fifty years of age or older~~ At average risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society; or

Sec. 9. 24-A MRSA §4254, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §4 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

B. ~~Less than 50 years of age and at~~ At high risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

Sec. 10. Application. The requirements of this Act apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2020. For purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

Sec. 11. Exemption from review. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 2752, this Act is enacted without review and evaluation by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance.



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-46)

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - State Employee Health Plan

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the state employee health plan to cover all colorectal examinations and laboratory tests that are recommended by a provider in accordance with published guidelines. The health plan has indicated that this requires coverage of additional services not currently offered by the plan. The health plan anticipates coverage of these additional services to cost \$11,000 per fiscal year, but these costs would not have an impact on premiums. As a result, any additional costs to the health plan are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing resources.