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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1309

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COVERAGE OF EXAMINATIONS FOR BREAST CANCER; TO CLARIFY THE COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINATIONS FOR BREAST CANCER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COVERAGE OF EXAMINATIONS FOR BREAST CANCER; AND TO CLARIFY THE COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINATIONS FOR BREAST CANCER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-79-140(c), concerning mammographies performed in an unaccredited facility, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) A healthcare insurer shall not pay for mammographies performed in an unaccredited facility ~~after January 1, 1990.~~

(2) This section applies to a credentialed or accredited place of service in which the service is provided.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-79-140(e), concerning copayments and deductibles under a health benefit plan for examinations for breast cancer, is amended to read as follows:

(e)(1) Benefits under this section are subject to any health benefit plan provisions that apply to other services covered by the health benefit plan, except that a health benefit plan shall not impose a ~~copayment or deductible~~ cost-sharing requirement for a screening mammogram, even if:



(A) A service is provided on different dates of service;

or

(B) More than one (1) service is provided on the same date of service.

(2) A breast ultrasound shall not be subject to a ~~deductible or any applicable copayment~~ cost-sharing requirement, even if:

(A) A service is provided on different dates of service;

or

(B) More than one (1) service is provided on the same date of service.

(3) A healthcare insurer shall ensure that an individual's cost-sharing requirement under a health benefit plan that is applicable to a diagnostic examination for breast cancer, including breast magnetic resonance imaging, is no less favorable than the cost-sharing requirement that is applicable to a screening examination for breast cancer.

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