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Generally speaking, the bill creates new coverage requirements for health insurance policies for certain individuals for certain breast examinations, and corresponding cost-sharing limitations for those examinations.

Specifically, the bill requires that a health insurance policy must provide coverage for “supplemental breast screening examinations or diagnostic breast examinations for the detection of breast cancer, including diagnostic mammography, breast ultrasounds, breast magnetic resonance imaging, or other technologies as determined in accordance with applicable criteria and guidelines.”

However, this required coverage is limited to only two categories of individuals. Specifically, a health insurance policy must cover either a supplemental breast screening examination or a diagnostic breast examination for the following individuals:

- An individual who is at increased risk of breast cancer, as determined in accordance with the most recent applicable guidelines of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network; and
- An individual who has heterogeneously or extremely dense breast tissue, as defined by the Breast Imaging-Reporting and Data System, established by the American College of Radiology.

With one exception,¹ the bill further provides that a health insurance policy may not impose a cost-sharing amount on an individual in either of the two categories of individuals covered by the bill for either a supplemental breast screening examination or a diagnostic breast examination.

The bill also requires coverage of those breast screenings by the state’s Medical Assistance program.

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The amendment deletes definitions of various types of technologies and other references to those technologies within the definitions of supplemental breast screening examinations and diagnostic breast examinations.

The effect of the amendment is to limit the types of technology that must be covered for diagnostic and supplemental breast screening examinations only to breast ultrasounds.

¹ SECTION 18 of the bill provides that the limitation on cost-sharing does not apply to the extent that the limitation would result in ineligibility for a health savings account under the federal Internal Revenue Code.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Cabral-Guevara offered Senate Amendment 1 on January 4, 2024. On January 18, 2024, the Senate Committee on Health voted to recommend adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 2, and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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