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Committee Bill No. 5832

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Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
TOMOSYNTHESIS FOR BREAST CANCER SCREENINGS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 38a-503 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

3 (a) (1) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage
4 of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (10), (11) and (12) of
5 section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or
6 continued in this state shall provide benefits for mammographic
7 examinations to any woman covered under the policy that are at least
8 equal to the following minimum requirements: (A) A baseline
9 mammogram for any woman who is thirty-five to thirty-nine years of
10 age, inclusive; and (B) a mammogram every year for any woman who
11 is forty years of age or older.

12 (2) Such policy shall provide additional benefits for:

13 (A) Comprehensive ultrasound screening or tomosynthesis of an
14 entire breast or breasts if a mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous

15 or dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data
16 System established by the American College of Radiology or if a
17 woman is believed to be at increased risk for breast cancer due to
18 family history or prior personal history of breast cancer, positive
19 genetic testing or other indications as determined by a woman's
20 physician or advanced practice registered nurse; and

21 (B) Magnetic resonance imaging of an entire breast or breasts in
22 accordance with guidelines established by the American Cancer
23 Society.

24 (b) Benefits under this section shall be subject to any policy
25 provisions that apply to other services covered by such policy, except
26 that no such policy shall impose a copayment that exceeds a maximum
27 of twenty dollars for an ultrasound screening under subparagraph (A)
28 of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section.

29 (c) Each mammography report provided to a patient shall include
30 information about breast density, based on the Breast Imaging
31 Reporting and Data System established by the American College of
32 Radiology. Where applicable, such report shall include the following
33 notice: "If your mammogram demonstrates that you have dense breast
34 tissue, which could hide small abnormalities, you might benefit from
35 supplementary screening tests, which can include a breast ultrasound
36 screening, a breast tomosynthesis, or a breast MRI examination, [or
37 both,] depending on your individual risk factors. A report of your
38 mammography results, which contains information about your breast
39 density, has been sent to your physician's office and you should
40 contact your physician if you have any questions or concerns about
41 this report."

42 Sec. 2. Section 38a-530 of the general statutes is repealed and the
43 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

44 (a) (1) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the
45 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-

46 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in
47 this state shall provide benefits for mammographic examinations to
48 any woman covered under the policy that are at least equal to the
49 following minimum requirements: (A) A baseline mammogram for
50 any woman who is thirty-five to thirty-nine years of age, inclusive; and
51 (B) a mammogram every year for any woman who is forty years of age
52 or older.

53 (2) Such policy shall provide additional benefits for:

54 (A) Comprehensive ultrasound screening or tomosynthesis of an
55 entire breast or breasts if a mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous
56 or dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data
57 System established by the American College of Radiology or if a
58 woman is believed to be at increased risk for breast cancer due to
59 family history or prior personal history of breast cancer, positive
60 genetic testing or other indications as determined by a woman's
61 physician or advanced practice registered nurse; and

62 (B) Magnetic resonance imaging of an entire breast or breasts in
63 accordance with guidelines established by the American Cancer
64 Society.

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67 that no such policy shall impose a copayment that exceeds a maximum
68 of twenty dollars for an ultrasound screening under subparagraph (A)
69 of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section.

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71 information about breast density, based on the Breast Imaging
72 Reporting and Data System established by the American College of
73 Radiology. Where applicable, such report shall include the following
74 notice: "If your mammogram demonstrates that you have dense breast
75 tissue, which could hide small abnormalities, you might benefit from
76 supplementary screening tests, which can include a breast ultrasound

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78 both,] depending on your individual risk factors. A report of your
79 mammography results, which contains information about your breast
80 density, has been sent to your physician's office and you should
81 contact your physician if you have any questions or concerns about
82 this report."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	38a-503
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	38a-530

Statement of Purpose:

To provide Connecticut women with access to comprehensive breast cancer screenings by making tomosynthesis available through health insurance coverage when an annual mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast tissue or if a woman is believed to be at increased risk for breast cancer due to family history or prior personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing or other indications as determined by a woman's physician or advanced practice registered nurse.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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