



**PA 18-159**—sHB 5208

*Insurance and Real Estate Committee*

*Appropriations Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING MAMMOGRAMS, BREAST ULTRASOUNDS  
AND MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING OF BREASTS**

**SUMMARY:** This act expands the types of breast imaging services that certain health insurance policies must cover. It does so by defining “mammogram” as a mammographic examination or breast tomosynthesis, including any procedure with one of 13 specific Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) billing codes or any subsequent corresponding codes.

The act applies to individual and group health insurance policies delivered, issued, renewed, amended, or continued in Connecticut that cover (1) basic hospital expenses; (2) basic medical-surgical expenses; (3) major medical expenses; or (4) hospital or medical services, including those provided under an HMO plan. It also applies to individual policies providing limited health benefits.

By law, these policies must cover baseline mammograms for women age 35 through 39 and annual mammograms for women age 40 or older. The federal Affordable Care Act prohibits certain health insurance policies from imposing copays or deductibles for mammograms conducted according to national guidelines.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2019

**MAMMOGRAM DEFINITION**

The act defines “mammogram” to include 13 HCPCS codes and any subsequent corresponding codes. Table 1 below lists the included codes and a description of what each covers.

HCPCS is a set of billing codes used by Medicare and overseen by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. It is based on current procedural technology codes developed by the American Medical Association.

**Table 1: HCPCS Codes for Mammograms**

<b>Code Listed In Act</b>	<b>Description</b>
77051	Computer-aided detection (computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection) with further review for interpretation, with or without digitization of film radiographic images; diagnostic mammography
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77052 77067	Computer-aided detection with further review for interpretation, with or without digitization of film radiographic images; screening mammography
77055	Mammography; unilateral (one breast)
77056	Mammography; bilateral (both breasts)
77057	Screening mammography, bilateral (two-view study of each breast)
77063	Screening digital breast tomosynthesis, bilateral
G0202	Screening mammography, producing direct digital image, bilateral, all views
G0204	Diagnostic mammography, including computer-aided detection when performed; bilateral
G0206	Diagnostic mammography, including computer-aided detection when performed; unilateral
G0279	Diagnostic digital breast tomosynthesis, unilateral or bilateral