

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO BANKING AND INSURANCE, OCTOBER 5, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), entitled "An
 2 act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and
 3 consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of
 4 insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and
 5 protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds
 6 associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and
 7 fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and
 8 supervision of insurance carried by such companies,
 9 associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by
 10 the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and
 11 repealing existing laws," in health and accident insurance,
 12 providing for coverage for prostate-specific test.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known
 16 as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, is amended by adding a
 17 section to read:

18 Section 635.8 Coverage for Prostate-specific Test.--(a) All
 19 health insurance policies as defined in this section shall also
 20 provide coverage as provided in subsections (b) and (c) for a
 21 prostate-specific antigen test for covered individuals under
 22 subsection (b) consistent with approved medical standards and

1 practices.

2 (b) The coverage required under this section shall be
3 provided for:

4 (1) Men who are:

5 (i) Fifty-five (55) years of age or older.

6 (ii) Expected to live at least ten (10) or more years.

7 (iii) Diagnosed as having an average risk of prostate
8 cancer.

9 (2) Men who are:

10 (i) Forty-five (45) years of age or older.

11 (ii) Diagnosed as having a high risk of prostate cancer by
12 having either:

13 (A) one first-degree relative who had prostate cancer before
14 fifty (50) years of age; or

15 (B) any other indicator of a high risk of prostate cancer.

16 (3) Men who are diagnosed as having a higher risk of
17 prostate cancer by having more than one first-degree relative
18 who had prostate cancer before fifty (50) years of age.

19 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), the coverage
20 required by this section shall include all costs associated with
21 the administration of the prostate-specific antigen test every
22 year for covered individuals under subsection (b).

23 (d) The coverage required under this section shall be
24 subject to annual deductibles, coinsurance and copayment
25 requirements imposed by an entity subject to this section for
26 similar coverages under the same health insurance policy or
27 contract.

28 (e) As used in this section:

29 (1) "First-degree relative" means a father, brother or son.

30 (2) "Health insurance policy" means an individual or group

1 health, sickness or accident policy or subscriber contract or
2 certificate which provides medical or health care coverage by a
3 health care facility or licensed health care provider which is
4 offered by or is governed under any of the following:

5 (i) This act.

6 (ii) Subarticle (f) of Article IV of the act of June 13,
7 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the "Human Services Code."

8 (iii) The act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364), known
9 as the "Health Maintenance Organization Act."

10 (iv) The act of May 18, 1976 (P.L.123, No.54), known as the
11 "Individual Accident and Sickness Insurance Minimum Standards
12 Act."

13 (v) A nonprofit corporation subject to 40 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61
14 (relating to hospital plan corporations) or 63 (relating to
15 professional health services plan corporations).

16 The term shall not include accident only, fixed indemnity,
17 limited benefit, credit, dental, vision, specified disease,
18 Medicare supplement, Civilian Health and Medical Program of the
19 Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) supplement, long-term care or
20 disability income, workers' compensation or automobile medical
21 payment insurance.

22 (3) "Prostate-specific antigen test" means a blood test that
23 measures the level of prostate-specific antigen in the blood for
24 the purposes of screening men for the occurrence of prostate
25 cancer and monitoring men who have been previously diagnosed
26 with prostate cancer.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.