

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 84

BY SENATOR MYERS

HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE. Provides relative to health insurance coverage for prostate cancer screening. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1028(B)(1) and (E), relative to prostate cancer screening; to
3 provide for insurance coverage for screening of men over the age of forty in
4 accordance with the guidelines from the National Comprehensive Cancer Network;
5 to prohibit out-of-pocket expenses for cancer screening services; to provide for
6 applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 22:1028(B)(1) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §1028. Early screening and detection requirements; examination; coverage

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12 B.(1) Any health coverage plan which is delivered or issued for delivery in
13 the state shall provide coverage for detection of prostate cancer, including digital
14 rectal examination and prostate-specific antigen testing for men over the age of fifty
15 years and ~~as medically necessary and appropriate~~ for men over **between** the age **ages**
16 of forty **to forty-nine** years **in accordance with the most recently published**
17 **guidelines from the National Comprehensive Cancer Network.**

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E. Any coverage required under the provisions of this Section shall not be subject to any policy or health coverage plan ~~deductible amount~~ **cost-sharing amount, including any deductibles, coinsurance, copayment, or similar out-of-pocket expense.**

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Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to any new policy, contract, program, or health coverage plan issued on or after January 1, 2027. Any policy, contract, or health coverage plan in effect prior to January 1, 2027, shall convert to conform to the provisions of this Act on or before the renewal date, but no later than January 1, 2028.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor, or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by this legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law provides for insurance coverage for prostate cancer screening for men over 50 years of age. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for insurance coverage for prostate cancer screening for men over 40 years of age when it is medically necessary and appropriate. Proposed law changes this provision to provide for coverage in accordance with guidelines from the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and clarifies that it covers men between 40 and 49 years of age.

Present law prohibits a health coverage plan from charging a deductible for any cancer screening service provided for in present law.

Proposed law expands present law to prohibit a health coverage plan from charging any cost-sharing amount for the services.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 22:1028(B)(1) and (E))