

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1196

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to coverage of colorectal cancer screening, colonoscopies, and associated preventive services

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1029(B) relative to health insurance coverage; to establish a
3 classification for colorectal cancer screening colonoscopies; to provide for associated
4 preventive services; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:1029(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1029. Requirement for coverage of colorectal cancer screening

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9 B.(1) As used in this Section, "routine colorectal cancer screening" means
10 any test or screening provided in accordance with the most recently published
11 recommendations established by the American Cancer Society or the National
12 Comprehensive Cancer Network for the ages, family histories, and frequencies
13 referenced in such recommendations. "Routine colorectal cancer screening" does not
14 mean services otherwise excluded from coverage because they are deemed by a
15 health coverage plan to be experimental or investigational.

16 (2) Any colonoscopy conducted for the purpose of colorectal cancer
17 screening shall be classified as a screening service, irrespective of whether a polyp
18 or other tissue is excised during the procedure. Any subsequent colonoscopy
19 recommended by a healthcare provider as a result of findings from a routine
20 colorectal cancer screening shall be considered a routine colorectal cancer screening.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes health insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screening colonoscopies and related preventive services.

Present law defines “routine colorectal cancer screening” for purposes of required health insurance coverage and ties the definition to the most recently published recommendations of the American Cancer Society or the National Comprehensive Cancer Network.

Present law further provides that the term does not include services excluded from coverage as experimental or investigational.

Proposed law outlines that any colonoscopy conducted for colorectal cancer screening shall be classified as a screening service, irrespective of whether a polyp or other tissue is removed during the procedure.

Proposed law establishes that any subsequent colonoscopy recommended by a healthcare provider after a screening colonoscopy will also be regarded as a screening service.

(Amends R.S. 22:1029(B))