
DIGEST

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HB 1196 Reengrossed

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Freeman

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 provides that any colonoscopy performed for purposes of colorectal cancer screening shall be classified as a screening service, regardless of whether a polyp or other tissue is removed during the procedure.

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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Specify that coverage for a routine colorectal cancer screening applies only when the screening is provided in accordance with the clinical recommendations referenced in present law.
2. Make technical changes.