## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Requires health insurance coverage for breast magnetic resonance imaging at the same level of coverage provided for screening mammograms.

<u>Present law</u> requires any health coverage plan which is delivered or issued for delivery in this state to include benefits payable for a minimum mammography examination.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and requires any health coverage plan delivered or issued for delivery in this state to include coverage of breast magnetic resonance imaging for breast cancer screening or diagnosis at the same level of coverage provided for the minimum mammography examination pursuant to <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the health coverage plan to require a referral by the treating physician based on medical necessity for the breast magnetic resonance imaging to be eligible for the required coverage but prohibits the coverage from being subject to any policy or health coverage plan deductible amount.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that any provision in a health insurance policy, benefit program, or health coverage plan delivered, renewed, issued for delivery, or otherwise contracted for in this state which is contrary to <u>proposed law</u> shall, to the extent of the conflict, be void.

<u>Proposed law</u> applies to any new policy, contract, program, or health coverage plan issued on and after Jan. 1, 2021. Any policy, contract, or health coverage plan in effect prior to Jan. 1, 2021, shall convert to conform to the provisions of <u>proposed law</u> on or before the renewal date, but no later than Jan. 1, 2021.

Effective Jan. 1, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 22:1028.3)