

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 1196

2026 Regular Session

Freeman

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

DIGEST

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

Proposed law further requires any subsequent colonoscopy recommended by a healthcare provider after a screening colonoscopy to also be regarded as a screening service.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to the reengrossed bill

1. Make technical changes.