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Substitute Bill No. 6604



AN ACT EXPANDING THE BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER EARLY DETECTION AND TREATMENT REFERRAL PROGRAM TO INCLUDE LUNG CANCER SCREENING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-266 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section:

4 (1) "Breast cancer screening and referral services" means necessary
5 breast cancer screening services and referral services for a procedure
6 intended to treat cancer of the human breast, including, but not limited
7 to, surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, hormonal therapy and
8 related medical follow-up services.

9 (2) "Cervical cancer screening and referral services" means necessary
10 cervical cancer screening services and referral services for a procedure
11 intended to treat cancer of the human cervix, including, but not limited
12 to, surgery, radiation therapy, cryotherapy, electrocoagulation and
13 related medical follow-up services.

14 (3) "Lung cancer screening and referral services" means necessary
15 lung cancer screening services and referral services for a procedure
16 intended to treat cancer of the human lung, including, but not limited

17 to, surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, immunotherapy and
18 related medical follow-up services.

19 [(3)] (4) "Tomosynthesis" means a digital x-ray mammogram that
20 creates two-dimensional and three-dimensional images of the breasts.

21 [(4)] (5) "Unserved or underserved populations" means women who
22 are: (A) At or below two hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty
23 level for individuals; (B) without health insurance that covers breast
24 cancer screening mammography, or cervical cancer screening services
25 or lung cancer screening services; and (C) twenty-one to sixty-four years
26 of age.

27 (b) There is established, within existing appropriations, a breast,
28 and cervical and lung cancer early detection and treatment referral
29 program, within the Department of Public Health, to (1) promote
30 screening, detection and treatment of breast cancer, and cervical
31 cancer and lung cancer among unserved or underserved populations,
32 while giving priority consideration to women in minority communities
33 who exhibit higher rates of breast cancer and cervical cancer than the
34 general population, (2) educate the public regarding breast cancer, and
35 cervical cancer and lung cancer and the benefits of early detection, and
36 (3) provide counseling and referral services for treatment.

37 (c) The program shall include, but not be limited to:

38 (1) Establishment of a public education and outreach initiative to
39 publicize (A) breast cancer, and cervical cancer and lung cancer early
40 detection services and the extent of coverage for such services by health
41 insurance; (B) the benefits of early detection of breast cancer and the
42 recommended frequency of screening services, including clinical breast
43 examinations and mammography, which shall include, where possible,
44 tomosynthesis; and (C) the medical assistance program and other
45 public and private programs and the benefits of early detection of
46 cervical cancer and the recommended frequency of pap tests and tests
47 for human papillomavirus; and (D) the benefits of early detection of

48 lung cancer and the recommended frequency of screening services;

49 (2) Development of professional education programs, including the
50 benefits of early detection of breast cancer and the recommended
51 frequency of mammography, [and] the benefits of early detection of
52 cervical cancer and the recommended frequency of pap tests and tests
53 for human papillomavirus and the benefits of early detection of lung
54 cancer and the recommended frequency of screening services;

55 (3) Establishment of a system to track and follow up on all women
56 screened for breast cancer, [and] cervical cancer and lung cancer in the
57 program. The system shall include, but not be limited to, follow-up of
58 abnormal screening tests and referral to treatment when needed and
59 tracking women to be screened at recommended screening intervals;

60 (4) Assurance that all participating providers of breast cancer, [and]
61 cervical cancer and lung cancer screening are in compliance with
62 national and state quality assurance legislative mandates.

63 (d) The Department of Public Health shall provide unserved or
64 underserved populations, while giving priority consideration to women
65 in minority communities who exhibit higher rates of breast cancer and
66 cervical cancer than the general population, within existing
67 appropriations and through contracts with health care providers: (1) (A)
68 Clinical breast examinations, (B) screening mammograms, which shall
69 include, where possible, tomosynthesis, (C) pap tests, [and] (D) tests for
70 human papillomavirus, as recommended in the most current breast and
71 cervical cancer screening guidelines established by the United States
72 Preventive Services Task Force, for the woman's age and medical
73 history, and (E) lung cancer screening services; and (2) a pap test every
74 six months for women who have tested HIV positive.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2023	19a-266

PH *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

APP *Joint Favorable*