

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 345

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1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1028.1, relative to breast and ovarian cancer susceptibility screening; to
3 require health insurance coverage for genetic screening for breast and ovarian cancer
4 susceptibility for certain individuals; to provide for applicability; to provide for an
5 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:1028.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1028.1. Required coverage for breast and ovarian cancer susceptibility screening

9 A. The legislature hereby finds that a woman’s lifetime risk of developing
10 breast or ovarian cancer is greatly increased if she inherits a harmful mutation in the
11 BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes. Testing for the presence of BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene
12 mutations may allow for interventions to reduce the risk for cancer or cancer-related
13 death in women who are BRCA mutation carriers.

14 B.(1) Any health coverage plan delivered or issued for delivery in this state
15 shall include coverage for the cost of the genetic testing of the BRCA1 and BRCA2
16 genes to detect an increased risk for breast and ovarian cancer when recommended
17 by a healthcare provider in accordance with the United States Preventive Services
18 Task Force recommendations for testing.

1 (2) The coverage provided in this Section may be subject to annual
2 deductibles, coinsurance, and copayment provisions as are consistent with those
3 established under the health coverage plan.

4 C. For purposes of this Section, "health coverage plan" means any hospital,
5 health, or medical expense insurance policy, hospital or medical service contract,
6 employee welfare benefit plan, contract, or other agreement with a health
7 maintenance organization or a preferred provider organization, health and accident
8 insurance policy, or any other insurance contract of this type in this state, including
9 a group insurance plan, a self-insurance plan, and the Office of Group Benefits
10 programs. "Health coverage plan" shall not include a plan providing coverage for
11 excepted benefits as defined in R.S. 22:1061, limited benefit health insurance plans,
12 and short-term policies that have a term of less than twelve months.

13 Section 2(A). This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2020.

14 (B) This Act shall apply to any new policy, contract, program, or health coverage
15 plan issued on and after January 1, 2020. Any policy, contract, or health coverage plan in
16 effect prior to January 1, 2020, shall convert to conform to the provisions of this Act on or
17 before the renewal date, but no later than January 1, 2021.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____