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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 376.782, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to health insurance coverage for mammography screenings.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 376.782, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 376.782, to read as follows:

376.782. 1. As used in this section, the term "low-dose mammography
2 screening" means the X-ray examination of the breast using equipment
3 specifically designed and dedicated for mammography, including the X-ray tube,
4 filter, compression device, films, and cassettes, with an average radiation
5 exposure delivery of less than one rad mid-breast, with two views for each breast,
6 and any fee charged by a radiologist or other physician for reading, interpreting
7 or diagnosing based on such X-ray.

8 2. All individual and group health insurance policies providing coverage
9 on an expense-incurred basis, individual and group service or indemnity type
10 contracts issued by a nonprofit corporation, individual and group service contracts
11 issued by a health maintenance organization, all self-insured group arrangements
12 to the extent not preempted by federal law and all managed health care delivery
13 entities of any type or description, that are delivered, issued for delivery,
14 continued or renewed on or after August 28, 1991, and providing coverage to any
15 resident of this state shall provide benefits or coverage for low-dose
16 mammography screening for any nonsymptomatic woman covered under such
17 policy or contract which meets the minimum requirements of this section. Such
18 benefits or coverage shall include at least the following:

19 (1) A baseline mammogram for women age thirty-five to thirty-nine,
20 inclusive;

21 (2) A mammogram for women age forty to forty-nine, inclusive, every two
22 years or more frequently based on the recommendation of the patient's physician;

23 (3) A mammogram every year for women age fifty and over;

24 (4) A mammogram for any woman, upon the recommendation of a
25 physician, where such woman, her mother or her sister has a prior history of
26 breast cancer.

27 **3. The policies, contracts, arrangements, and health benefit plans**
28 **described in subsection 2 of this section shall also provide additional**
29 **benefits for comprehensive ultrasound screening of an entire breast or**
30 **breasts if a mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast**
31 **tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System**
32 **established by the American College of Radiology or if a woman is**
33 **believed to be at increased risk for breast cancer due to family history**
34 **or prior personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing or**
35 **other indications as determined by a patient's physician.**

36 **4. On and after August 28, 2011, each mammography report**
37 **provided to a patient shall include information about breast density,**
38 **based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by**
39 **the American College of Radiology. Where applicable, such report shall**
40 **include the following notice: "If your mammogram demonstrates that**
41 **you have dense breast tissue, which could hide small abnormalities, you**
42 **might benefit from supplementary screening tests, which can include**
43 **a breast ultrasound screening or a breast MRI examination, or both,**
44 **depending on your individual risk factors. A report of your**
45 **mammography results, which contains information about your breast**
46 **density, has been sent to your physician's office and you should contact**
47 **your physician if you have any questions or concerns about this**
48 **report."**

49 **5. Coverage and benefits related to mammography as required by this**
50 **section shall be at least as favorable and subject to the same dollar limits,**
51 **deductibles, and co-payments as other radiological examinations.**

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