

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1838

Short Title: SEHP Wellness Benefit/Annual Pap.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Culpepper; Hurley, Sossamon, Weiss, Barefoot, and Wainwright.

Referred to: Health.

May 30, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES'
2 COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR MEDICAL PLAN SHALL COVER THE COST OF
3 ONE ANNUAL PAP SMEAR FOR ANY COVERED FEMALE UNDER THE
4 PLAN'S WELLNESS BENEFIT.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 135-40.5(e) reads as rewritten:

8 "(e) Routine Diagnostic Examinations. – The Plan will pay one hundred percent
9 (100%) of allowable charges for routine diagnostic examinations and tests, including ~~Pap~~
10 ~~smears~~, breast, colon, rectal, and prostate exams, X rays, mammograms, blood and blood
11 pressure checks, urine tests, tuberculosis tests, and general health checkups that are
12 medically necessary for the maintenance and improvement of individual health but no
13 more often than once every three years for covered individuals to age 40 years, once
14 every two years for covered individuals to age 50 years, and once a year for covered
15 individuals age 50 years and older, unless a more frequent occurrence is warranted by a
16 medical condition when such charges are incurred in a medically supervised facility.
17 Routine diagnostic examinations and tests covered under this subsection also include one
18 Pap smear per year for any covered female. Provided, however, that charges for such
19 examinations and tests are not covered by the Plan when they are incurred to obtain or

1 continue employment, to secure insurance coverage, to comply with legal proceedings, to
2 attend schools or camps, to meet travel requirements, to participate in athletic and related
3 activities, or to comply with governmental licensing requirements. The maximum amount
4 payable under this subsection for a covered individual is one hundred fifty dollars
5 (\$150.00) per fiscal year."

6 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2000.