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HOUSE BILL 555

Short Title: State Health Plan/Annual Mammograms. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Glazier, Insko, Jeffus, England (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, B. Allen, L. Allen, Bordsen, Carney, Coleman, Dickson, Faison, Fisher, Harrison, Howard, Justice, LaRoque, Lewis, Luebke, Martin, McLawhorn, Rapp, Ross, Weiss, and Wray.

Referred to: Health.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR ANNUAL MAMMOGRAMS UNDER
3 THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR
4 MEDICAL PLAN FOR WOMEN CERTIFIED BY A PHYSICIAN TO BE AT
5 RISK FOR BREAST CANCER.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 135-40.6(8)s. reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 135-40.6. Benefits subject to deductible and coinsurance (comprehensive**
9 **benefits).**

10 The benefits provided in this section are subject to a deductible of three hundred
11 fifty dollars (\$350.00) per covered individual to an aggregate maximum of one thousand
12 fifty dollars (\$1,050) per employee and child(ren) or employee and family coverage
13 contract per fiscal year and are payable on the basis of eighty percent (80%) by the Plan
14 and twenty percent (20%) by the covered individual up to a maximum of one thousand
15 five hundred dollars (\$1,500) out-of-pocket per fiscal year. The aggregate maximum
16 out-of-pocket required of individuals covered by this section shall not be more than four
17 thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) per employee and child(ren) or employee and
18 family coverage contract per fiscal year.

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20 (8) Other Covered Charges. –

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22 s. Routine Diagnostic Examinations: Allowable charges for
23 routine diagnostic examinations and tests, including
24 examinations and tests for the screening for the early detection
25 of cervical cancer, breast, colon, rectal, and prostate exams, X
26 rays, mammograms, blood and blood pressure checks, urine

1 tests, tuberculosis tests, and general health checkups that are
2 medically necessary for the maintenance and improvement of
3 individual health but no more often than once every three years
4 for covered individuals to age 40 years, once every two years
5 for covered individuals to age 50 years, and once a year for
6 covered individuals age 50 years and older and, for
7 examinations and tests for the screening for the early detection
8 of cervical cancer, in accordance with the most recently
9 published American Cancer Society guidelines or guidelines
10 adopted by the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Cancer
11 Coordination and Control, unless a more frequent occurrence is
12 warranted by a medical condition when such charges are
13 incurred in a medically supervised facility. Annual
14 mammograms shall be covered for covered individuals under
15 age 50 if the individual's physician certifies in writing that the
16 individual's risk for breast cancer is sufficiently high to warrant
17 annual screening. Provided, however, that charges for such
18 examinations and tests are not covered by the Plan when they
19 are incurred to obtain or continue employment, to secure
20 insurance coverage, to comply with legal proceedings, to attend
21 schools or camps, to meet travel requirements, to participate in
22 athletic and related activities or to comply with governmental
23 licensing requirements. For the purposes of this
24 sub-subdivision, "examinations and laboratory tests for the
25 screening for the early detection of cervical cancer" means
26 conventional PAP smear screening, liquid-based cytology, and
27 human papilloma virus (HPV) detection methods for women
28 with equivocal findings on cervical cytologic analysis that are
29 subject to the approval of and have been approved by the
30 United States Food and Drug Administration."

31 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.