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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING MAMMOGRAMS UNDER AN INSURANCE
9 POLICY; TO DEFINE "BREAST ULTRASOUND"; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING MAMMOGRAMS UNDER AN INSURANCE
14 POLICY; AND TO DEFINE "BREAST
15 ULTRASOUND".
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. The catchline for Arkansas Code § 23-79-140 is amended to*
22 *read as follows:*

23 *23-79-140. Mammograms – Breast ultrasounds – Definitions.*
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25 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-79-140(a), concerning the definition of*
26 *"mammography", is amended to read as follows:*

27 *(a)~~(1)~~ As used in this section:*

28 *(1) "Breast ultrasound" means an imaging technique that uses*
29 *harmless, high-frequency sound waves to produce detailed images of the breast*
30 *in order to screen for and diagnose breast disease, such as cancer;*

31 *(2) "Diagnostic mammography" means a problem-solving radiologic*
32 *procedure of higher intensity than screening mammography provided to women*
33 *who are suspected to have breast pathology usually characterized by the*
34 *following medical events:*

35 *(A) Patients are usually referred for analysis of palpable*
36 *abnormalities or for further evaluation of mammographically detected*



1 abnormalities;

2 (B) All images are reviewed by the physician interpreting
3 the study, and additional views are obtained as needed; and

4 (C) A physical examination of the breast by the
5 interpreting physician to correlate the radiologic findings is often
6 performed as part of the study;

7 (3) "Mammography" means radiography of the breast; and
8 ~~(2)~~ (4)(A) "Screening mammography", including digital breast
9 tomosynthesis, is means a radiologic procedure provided to a woman, who has
10 no signs or symptoms of breast cancer, for the purpose of early detection of
11 breast cancer.

12 (B) The procedure entails at least two (2) views of each
13 breast and includes a physician's interpretation of the results of the
14 procedure.

15 ~~(3) "Diagnostic mammography" is a problem-solving radiologic~~
16 ~~procedure of higher intensity than screening mammography provided to women~~
17 ~~who are suspected to have breast pathology. Patients are usually referred~~
18 ~~for analysis of palpable abnormalities or for further evaluation of~~
19 ~~mammographically detected abnormalities. All images are immediately reviewed~~
20 ~~by the physician interpreting the study, and additional views are obtained as~~
21 ~~needed. A physical examination of the breast by the interpreting physician~~
22 ~~to correlate the radiologic findings is often performed as part of the study.~~
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24 *SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 23-79-140(b), concerning mammograms, is*
25 *amended to read as follows:*

26 *(b) Every accident and health insurance company, hospital service*
27 *corporation, health maintenance organization, or other accident and health*
28 *insurance provider in the State of Arkansas shall offer, after January 1,*
29 *1990, to each master group contract holder as an ~~optional~~ essential health*
30 *benefit, coverage for at least the following mammogram screening mammography*
31 *and breast ultrasound for the diagnosis of breast disease such as cancer and*
32 *the evaluation of dense breast including:*

33 *(1) A baseline mammogram for a woman covered by such a policy*
34 *who is thirty-five to forty (35-40) years of age;*

35 *(2) A mammogram for a woman covered by such a policy who is*
36 *forty to forty-nine (40-49) years of age, inclusive, every one to two (1-2)*

1 years based on the recommendation of the woman's physician;

2 (3) A mammogram each year for a woman covered by such a policy
3 who is at least fifty (50) years of age;

4 (4) Upon recommendation of a woman's physician, without regard
5 to age, when the woman has had a prior history of breast cancer, ~~or~~ when the
6 woman's mother or sister has had a history of breast cancer, positive genetic
7 testing, or other risk factors; and

8 (5) A comprehensive ultrasound screening of an entire breast or
9 breasts if a mammogram screening demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast
10 tissue when the woman's physician determines a comprehensive ultrasound
11 screening is medically necessary; and

12 (6) Insurance coverage for screening mammograms, including
13 digital breast tomosynthesis, and breast ultrasounds will shall not prejudice
14 coverage for diagnostic mammograms or breast ultrasounds as recommended by
15 the woman's physician.

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17 *SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 23-79-140(c), concerning payment for*
18 *screening mammograms, is repealed.*

19 ~~(e)(1) The insurers shall pay not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for~~
20 ~~each screening mammogram, which shall include payment for both the~~
21 ~~professional and technical components~~

22 ~~(2) In case of hospital out-patient screening mammography, and~~
23 ~~comparable situations, when there is a claim for professional services~~
24 ~~separate from the claim for technical services, the claim for the~~
25 ~~professional component will not be less than forty percent (40%) of the total~~
26 ~~fee.~~

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28 *SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 23-79-140, concerning mammograms, is*
29 *amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:*

30 (f)(1) Benefits under this section are subject to any policy
31 provisions that apply to other services covered by the policy, except that an
32 insurance policy shall not impose a copayment or deductible for a screening
33 mammogram.

34 (2) A breast ultrasound may be subject to any applicable
35 copayment as required under a health benefit plan but shall not be subject to
36 a deductible.

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