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A Bill

SENATE BILL 380

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MODIFY COVERAGE FOR SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY
10 AND BREAST ULTRASOUND FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF BREAST
11 DISEASE SUCH AS CANCER AND FOR THE EVALUATION OF
12 DENSE BREAST TISSUE AS AN ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFIT;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO MODIFY COVERAGE FOR SCREENING
17 MAMMOGRAPHY AND BREAST ULTRASOUND FOR THE
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19 CANCER AND FOR THE EVALUATION OF DENSE
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21 BENEFIT.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-79-140(b), concerning coverage of
28 mammograms and breast ultrasounds as an essential health benefit, is amended
29 to read as follows:

30 (b)(1) Every accident and health insurance company, hospital service
31 corporation, health maintenance organization, or other accident and health
32 insurance provider in the State of Arkansas shall offer, ~~after January 1,~~
33 ~~1990,~~ as an essential health benefit, coverage for screening mammography and
34 breast ultrasound for the diagnosis of breast disease such as cancer and the
35 evaluation of dense breast including tissue:

36 ~~(1)(A)~~ A baseline mammogram for a woman covered by such a



1 ~~policy~~ an insured woman who is thirty-five to forty (35-40) years of age;

2 ~~(2)(B) A mammogram for a woman covered by such a policy~~
3 ~~who is forty (40) years of age or older, every year~~ An annual mammogram for
4 an insured woman who is forty (40) years of age or older;

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

9 ~~(4)(D)~~ A comprehensive ultrasound screening of an entire
10 breast or breasts if a mammogram screening demonstrates heterogeneously dense
11 or extremely dense breast tissue ~~when~~ and the woman’s primary healthcare
12 provider or radiologist determines a comprehensive ultrasound screening is
13 medically necessary; ~~and.~~

14 ~~(5)(2)~~ Insurance coverage for screening mammograms, including
15 digital breast tomosynthesis, and breast ultrasounds shall not prejudice
16 coverage for diagnostic mammograms or breast ultrasounds, as recommended by
17 the woman’s physician.

18 (3) A fully insured large group insurer that issues, renews, or
19 extends a health benefit plan in this state shall also provide coverage for
20 an optional screening mammography and breast ultrasound benefit as described
21 under subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

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