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In Senate, February 7, 1990

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ANDREWS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative RYDELL of Brunswick, Senator CLARK of Cumberland and Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Help Reduce the Incidence of Breast Cancer Mortality in the State.



2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

4 Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2320-A is enacted to read:

6 §2320-A. Screening mammograms

8 1. Required coverage. All individual and group nonprofit
10 medical services plan contracts and all nonprofit health care
12 plan contracts must include coverage for screening mammograms on
14 the following schedule:

16 A. At least once every 2 years for persons between the ages
18 of 40 and 49; and

20 B. At least once a year for persons ages 50 and over.

22 2. Applicability. This section applies to all contracts
24 and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery,
26 continued or renewed in this State on or after the effective date
28 of this section. For purposes of this section, all contracts are
30 deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of
32 the contract date.

34 Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2745-A is enacted to read:

36 §2745-A. Screening mammograms

38 1. Screening schedule. All insurance policies must provide
40 coverage for screening mammograms on the following schedule:

42 A. At least once every 2 years for persons between the ages
44 of 40 and 49; and

46 B. At least once a year for persons ages 50 and over.

48 2. Applicability. This section applies to all policies,
50 contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for
delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after the
effective date of this section. For purposes of this section,
all policies and contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than
the next yearly anniversary of the policy or contract date.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2837-A is enacted to read:

§2837-A. Screening mammograms

1. Screening schedule. All group insurance policies must
provide coverage for screening mammograms on the following
schedule:

2 A. At least once every 2 years for persons between the ages
3 of 40 and 49; and

4 B. At least once a year for persons ages 50 and over.

6 2. Applicability. This section applies to all policies,
7 contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for
8 delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after the
9 effective date of this section. For purposes of this section,
10 all policies and contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than
11 the next yearly anniversary of the policy or contract date.

14 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

16 The bill requires all health insurance contracts and
17 policies to include coverage for screening mammograms, which are
18 tests for detecting breast cancer. The American Cancer Society
19 recommends that the tests be given once between the ages of 35
20 and 40 to establish a base line for comparison to later tests,
21 once every 2 years from ages 40 to 49, and annually for ages 50
22 and over. Several organizations, including the American Medical
23 Association and the National Cancer Institute, endorse that
24 schedule. The bill excludes the base line mammogram, but
25 includes the schedule for mammograms for ages 40 and over.