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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1397, L.D. 1950, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Changes to Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999"

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Amend the amendment by inserting after Part DDD the following:

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PART EEE

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Sec. EEE-1. 24 MRSA §2325-C is enacted to read:

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§2325-C. Coverage for prostate cancer screening

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1. Definition. As used in this section, "services for the early detection of prostate cancer" means the following procedures provided to a man for the purpose of early detection of prostate cancer:

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A. A digital rectal examination; and

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B. A prostate-specific antigen test.

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2. Required coverage for prostate cancer screening. All individual and group nonprofit hospital and medical services plan contracts must provide coverage for services for the early detection of prostate cancer. The contracts must reimburse for services for the early detection of prostate cancer, if

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recommended by a physician, at least once a year for men 50
years of age or older until a man reaches the age of 72.

3. Application. The requirements of this section apply to
all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered,
issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or
after September 1, 1998. For purposes of this section, all
contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly
anniversary of the contract date.

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

§2745-E. Coverage for prostate cancer screening

1. Definition. As used in this section, "services for the
early detection of prostate cancer" means the following
procedures provided to a man for the purpose of early detection
of prostate cancer:

A. A digital rectal examination; and

B. A prostate-specific antigen test.

2. Required coverage for prostate cancer screening. All
individual insurance policies and contracts except accidental
injury, specified disease, hospital indemnity, Medicare
supplement, long-term care and other limited benefit health
insurance policies and contracts must provide coverage for
services for the early detection of prostate cancer. The
contracts must reimburse for services for the early detection of
prostate cancer, if recommended by a physician, at least once a
year for men 50 years of age or older until a man reaches the age
of 72.

3. Application. The requirements of this section apply to
all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered,
issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or
after September 1, 1998. For purposes of this section, all
contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly
anniversary of the contract date.

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

§2837-F. Coverage for prostate cancer screening

1. Definition. As used in this section, "services for the
early detection of prostate cancer" means the following
procedures provided to a man for the purpose of early detection
of prostate cancer:

2 A. A digital rectal examination; and

4 B. A prostate-specific antigen test.

6 **2. Required coverage for prostate cancer screening.** All
8 group insurance policies and contracts except accidental injury,
10 specified disease, hospital indemnity, Medicare supplement,
12 long-term care and other limited benefit health insurance
14 policies and contracts must provide coverage for services for the
16 early detection of prostate cancer. The contracts must reimburse
18 for services for the early detection of prostate cancer, if
20 recommended by a physician, at least once a year for men 50
22 years of age or older until a man reaches the age of 72.

24 **3. Application.** The requirements of this section apply to
26 all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered,
28 issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or
30 after September 1, 1998. For purposes of this section, all
32 contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly
34 anniversary of the contract date.

36 **Sec. EEE-4. 24-A MRSA §4243 is enacted to read:**

38 **§4243. Coverage for prostate cancer screening**

40 **1. Definition.** As used in this section, "services for the
42 early detection of prostate cancer" means the following
44 procedures provided to a man for the purpose of early detection
46 of prostate cancer:

48 A. A digital rectal examination; and

 B. A prostate-specific antigen test.

2. Required coverage for prostate cancer screening. All
 health maintenance organization individual and group contracts
 must provide coverage for services for the early detection of
 prostate cancer. The contracts must reimburse for services for
 the early detection of prostate cancer, if recommended by a
 physician, at least once a year for men 50 years of age or older
 until a man reaches the age of 72.

3. Application. The requirements of this section apply to
 all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered,
 issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or
 after September 1, 1998. For purposes of this section, all
 contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly
 anniversary of the contract date.'

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1397,
L.D. 1950

Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

FISCAL NOTE


This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund
appropriations and revenue in the 1998-1999 biennium and a
balanced budget is maintained for fiscal year 1997-98 and fiscal
year 1998-99.

SUMMARY

This amendment requires all individual and group contracts
of nonprofit hospital and medical services, insurers and health
maintenance organizations to provide insurance coverage for
prostate cancer screening. Coverage for prostate cancer
screening must be provided annually to men 50 years of age or
older until a man reaches the age of 72 if the procedures are
recommended by a physician.

The amendment adds an exception to the requirement that
health insurance contracts provide coverage for prostate cancer
screening that includes accidental injury, specified disease,
hospital indemnity, Medicare supplement, long-term care and other
limited benefit health insurance policies and contracts.

The amendment applies to all policies and contracts in
effect on or after September 1, 1998.

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