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H.P. 427

House of Representatives, January 19, 1999

**An Act to Require Insurance Companies to Cover Cervical Cancer
Screening.**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2320-E**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 617, §1
4 and affected by §6, is amended to read:

6 **§2320-E. Coverage for Pap tests**

8 All group nonprofit medical service plan contracts and all
10 nonprofit health care plan contracts must provide coverage for
12 screening Pap tests, including thin preparation Pap tests,
recommended by a physician.

14 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2756** is enacted to read:

16 **§2756. Coverage for certain Pap tests**

18 All individual health policies and contracts, except
20 accidental injury, specified disease, hospital indemnity,
22 Medicare supplement, long-term care and other limited benefit
health insurance policies and contracts, must provide coverage
for thin preparation Pap tests recommended by a physician.

24 **Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2837-E**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 617, §3
and affected by §6, is amended to read:

26 **§2837-E. Coverage for Pap tests**

28 All group health insurance policies and contracts, except
30 accidental injury, specified disease, hospital indemnity,
32 Medicare supplement, long-term care and other limited benefit
health insurance policies and contracts, must provide coverage
for screening Pap tests, including thin preparation Pap tests,
recommended by a physician.

34 **Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §4242**, as reallocated by RR 1995, c. 2,
36 §53, is amended to read:

38 **§4242. Coverage for Pap tests**

40 All health maintenance organization plan contracts must
42 provide coverage for screening Pap tests, including thin
preparation Pap tests, recommended by a physician.

44 **Sec. 5. Applicability.** This Act applies to all policies and
46 contracts executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or
renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. All policies
48 and contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next
yearly anniversary of the contract date.

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SUMMARY

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4 This bill requires health insurance policies and contracts
to provide coverage for thin preparation Pap tests.