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An Act To Reduce Colorectal Cancer Incidence and Mortality by Updating Screening Coverage

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant".

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham and
Senators: BLACK of Franklin, BREEN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin,
GRATWICK of Penobscot, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin,
Representatives: GRIGNON of Athens, KESCHL of Belgrade.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2763, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §2 and
3 affected by §5, is amended to read:

4 **1. Colorectal cancer screening.** For the purposes of this section, "colorectal cancer
5 screening" means a all colorectal cancer ~~examination~~ examinations and laboratory ~~test~~
6 tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the most recently
7 published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

8 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2763, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §2 and
9 affected by §5, is amended to read:

10 ~~A. Fifty years of age or older~~ At average risk for colorectal cancer according to the
11 most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer
12 society; or

13 **Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2763, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §2 and
14 affected by §5, is amended to read:

15 ~~B. Less than 50 years of age and at~~ At high risk for colorectal cancer according to the
16 most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer
17 society.

18 **Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2847-N, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §3 and
19 affected by §5, is amended to read:

20 **1. Colorectal cancer screening.** For the purposes of this section, "colorectal cancer
21 screening" means a all colorectal cancer ~~examination~~ examinations and laboratory ~~test~~
22 tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the most recently
23 published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

24 **Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §2847-N, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §3
25 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

26 ~~A. Fifty years of age or older~~ At average risk for colorectal cancer according to the
27 most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer
28 society; or

29 **Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §2847-N, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §3
30 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

31 ~~B. Less than 50 years of age and at~~ At high risk for colorectal cancer according to the
32 most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer
33 society.

34 **Sec. 7. 24-A MRSA §4254, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §4 and
35 affected by §5, is amended to read:

36 **1. Colorectal cancer screening.** For the purposes of this section, "colorectal cancer
37 screening" means a all colorectal cancer ~~examination~~ examinations and laboratory ~~test~~

1 tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the most recently
2 published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

3 **Sec. 8. 24-A MRSA §4254, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §4 and
4 affected by §5, is amended to read:

5 A. ~~Fifty years of age or older~~ At average risk for colorectal cancer according to the
6 most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer
7 society; or

8 **Sec. 9. 24-A MRSA §4254, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §4 and
9 affected by §5, is amended to read:

10 B. ~~Less than 50 years of age and at~~ At high risk for colorectal cancer according to the
11 most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer
12 society.

13 SUMMARY

14 This bill removes references to the age of the patient for purposes of requiring
15 coverage for colorectal cancer screening for asymptomatic individuals who are at average
16 risk for colorectal cancer and instead requires coverage in accordance with the most
17 recently published guidelines of a national cancer society. In addition, this bill requires
18 coverage of all colorectal examinations and laboratory tests recommended by a health
19 care provider in accordance with those published guidelines.