



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 259

February Session, 2010

* SB00259INS 031010 *

**AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
MAMMOGRAMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 38a-503 of the 2010 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective January 1, 2011*):

4 (a) (1) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage
5 of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), [(6),] (10), (11) and (12)
6 of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or
7 continued in this state [on or after October 1, 2001,] shall provide
8 benefits for mammographic examinations to any woman covered
9 under the policy which are at least equal to the following minimum
10 requirements: [(1)] (A) A baseline mammogram for any woman who is
11 thirty-five to thirty-nine years of age, inclusive; and [(2)] (B) a
12 mammogram every year for any woman who is forty years of age or
13 older.

14 (2) Such policy shall provide additional benefits for comprehensive
15 ultrasound screening and magnetic resonance imaging, of an entire
16 breast or breasts if a mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or
17 dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data
18 System established by the American College of Radiology or if a
19 woman is believed to be at increased risk for breast cancer due to

20 family history or prior personal history of breast cancer, positive
21 genetic testing or other indications as determined by a woman's
22 physician or advanced practice registered nurse.

23 (b) Benefits under this section shall be subject to any policy
24 provisions that apply to other services covered by such policy.

25 (c) On and after October 1, 2009, each mammography report
26 provided to a patient shall include information about breast density,
27 based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established
28 by the American College of Radiology. Where applicable, such report
29 shall include the following notice: "If your mammogram demonstrates
30 that you have dense breast tissue, which could hide small
31 abnormalities, you might benefit from supplementary screening tests,
32 which can include a breast ultrasound screening or a breast MRI
33 examination, or both, depending on your individual risk factors. A
34 report of your mammography results, which contains information
35 about your breast density, has been sent to your physician's office and
36 you should contact your physician if you have any questions or
37 concerns about this report."

38 Sec. 2. Section 38a-530 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
39 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
40 *January 1, 2011*):

41 (a) (1) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the
42 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
43 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in
44 this state [on or after October 1, 2001,] shall provide benefits for
45 mammographic examinations to any woman covered under the policy
46 which are at least equal to the following minimum requirements: [(1)]
47 (A) A baseline mammogram for any woman who is thirty-five to
48 thirty-nine years of age, inclusive; and [(2)] (B) a mammogram every
49 year for any woman who is forty years of age or older.

50 (2) Such policy shall provide additional benefits for comprehensive

51 ultrasound screening and magnetic resonance imaging, of an entire
 52 breast or breasts if a mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or
 53 dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data
 54 System established by the American College of Radiology or if a
 55 woman is believed to be at increased risk for breast cancer due to
 56 family history or prior personal history of breast cancer, positive
 57 genetic testing or other indications as determined by a woman's
 58 physician or advanced practice registered nurse.

59 (b) Benefits under this section shall be subject to any policy
 60 provisions that apply to other services covered by such policy.

61 (c) On and after October 1, 2009, each mammography report
 62 provided to a patient shall include information about breast density,
 63 based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established
 64 by the American College of Radiology. Where applicable, such report
 65 shall include the following notice: "If your mammogram demonstrates
 66 that you have dense breast tissue, which could hide small
 67 abnormalities, you might benefit from supplementary screening tests,
 68 which can include a breast ultrasound screening or a breast MRI
 69 examination, or both, depending on your individual risk factors. A
 70 report of your mammography results, which contains information
 71 about your breast density, has been sent to your physician's office and
 72 you should contact your physician if you have any questions or
 73 concerns about this report."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2011</i>	38a-503
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2011</i>	38a-530

INS *Joint Favorable Subst.*