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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:  
(INS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING BREAST ULTRASOUND SCREENINGS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 38a-503 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

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

12 (b) Such policy shall:

13 [provide] (1) Provide additional benefits for comprehensive  
14 ultrasound screening of an entire breast or breasts if a mammogram  
15 demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast tissue based on the Breast

16 Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American  
17 College of Radiology or if a woman is believed to be at increased risk  
18 for breast cancer due to family history or prior personal history of  
19 breast cancer, positive genetic testing or other indications as  
20 determined by a woman's physician or advanced practice registered  
21 nurse; and

22 (2) Not impose a coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-  
23 of-pocket expense for such ultrasound screening, except that a high  
24 deductible health plan, as that term is used in subsection (f) of section  
25 38a-493, shall not be subject to this subdivision.

26 [(b) Benefits] (c) Except as specified under subdivision (2) of  
27 subsection (b) of this section, benefits under this section shall be  
28 subject to any policy provisions that apply to other services covered by  
29 such policy.

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

43 Sec. 2. Section 38a-530 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
44 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

45 (a) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the  
46 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-

47 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in  
48 this state [on or after October 1, 2001,] shall provide benefits for  
49 mammographic examinations to any woman covered under the policy  
50 which are at least equal to the following minimum requirements: (1) A  
51 baseline mammogram for any woman who is thirty-five to thirty-nine  
52 years of age, inclusive; and (2) a mammogram every year for any  
53 woman who is forty years of age or older.

54 (b) Such policy shall:

55 [provide] (1) Provide additional benefits for comprehensive  
56 ultrasound screening of an entire breast or breasts if a mammogram  
57 demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast tissue based on the Breast  
58 Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American  
59 College of Radiology or if a woman is believed to be at increased risk  
60 for breast cancer due to family history or prior personal history of  
61 breast cancer, positive genetic testing or other indications as  
62 determined by a woman's physician or advanced practice registered  
63 nurse; and

64 (2) Not impose a coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-  
65 of-pocket expense for such ultrasound screening, except that a high  
66 deductible health plan, as that term is used in subsection (f) of section  
67 38a-520, shall not be subject to this subdivision.

68 [(b) Benefits] (c) Except as specified under subdivision (2) of  
69 subsection (b) of this section, benefits under this section shall be  
70 subject to any policy provisions that apply to other services covered by  
71 such policy.

72 [(c)] (d) On and after October 1, 2009, each mammography report  
73 provided to a patient shall include information about breast density,  
74 based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established  
75 by the American College of Radiology. Where applicable, such report  
76 shall include the following notice: "If your mammogram demonstrates  
77 that you have dense breast tissue, which could hide small

78 abnormalities, you might benefit from supplementary screening tests,  
79 which can include a breast ultrasound screening or a breast MRI  
80 examination, or both, depending on your individual risk factors. A  
81 report of your mammography results, which contains information  
82 about your breast density, has been sent to your physician's office and  
83 you should contact your physician if you have any questions or  
84 concerns about this report."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	38a-503
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	38a-530

**INS**      *Joint Favorable*