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Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

***AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
TOMOSYNTHESIS FOR BREAST CANCER 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 Section 38a-503 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2015*):

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

13 (2) Such policy shall provide additional benefits for:

14 (A) Comprehensive ultrasound screening of an entire breast or
15 breasts if a mammogram or tomosynthesis demonstrates
16 heterogeneous or dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging
17 Reporting and Data System established by the American College of
18 Radiology or if a woman is believed to be at increased risk for breast
19 cancer due to family history or prior personal history of breast cancer,
20 positive genetic testing or other indications as determined by a
21 woman's physician or advanced practice registered nurse; and

22 (B) Magnetic resonance imaging of an entire breast or breasts in
23 accordance with guidelines established by the American Cancer
24 Society.

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

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

40 Sec. 2. Section 38a-530 of the general statutes is repealed and the
41 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

42 (a) (1) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the
43 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
44 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in

45 this state shall provide benefits for mammographic examinations to
46 any woman covered under the policy that are at least equal to the
47 following minimum requirements: (A) A baseline mammogram or
48 tomosynthesis for any woman who is thirty-five to thirty-nine years of
49 age, inclusive; and (B) a mammogram or tomosynthesis every year for
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74 mammography or tomosynthesis results, which contains information
75 about your breast density, has been sent to your physician's office and

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77 concerns about this report."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	38a-503
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	38a-530

Statement of Purpose:

To require health insurance coverage for tomosynthesis for breast cancer screenings.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]