
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5208

AN ACT CONCERNING MAMMOGRAMS, BREAST ULTRASOUNDS AND MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING OF BREASTS.

SUMMARY

This bill expands coverage for mammograms and tomosynthesis under certain health insurance policies. It does so by defining “mammogram” as a mammographic examination or tomosynthesis, including any procedure with one of 10 specific Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) billing codes or any subsequent corresponding codes.

The bill applies to individual and group health insurance policies delivered, issued, renewed, amended, or continued in Connecticut that cover (1) basic hospital expenses; (2) basic medical-surgical expenses; (3) major medical expenses; or (4) hospital or medical services, including those provided under an HMO plan. It also applies to individual policies providing limited health benefits.

By law, such policies must cover baseline mammograms for women age 35 through 39, and annual mammograms for women age 40 or older. The federal Affordable Care Act prohibits certain health insurance policies from imposing copays or deductibles for mammograms conducted in accordance with national guidelines.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2019

MAMMOGRAM DEFINITION

The bill defines “mammogram” to include 10 HCPCS codes and any subsequent corresponding codes. However, at least some of the 10 HCPCS codes listed in the bill are inactive. Table 1 below lists the 10 codes included in the bill and any subsequent codes.

HCPCS is a set of billing codes used by Medicare and overseen by

the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. They are based on current procedural technology codes developed by the American Medical Association.

Table 1: HCPCS Codes for Mammograms

Code Listed In Bill	Description	Subsequent Code
77051	Computer-aided detection (computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection) with further review for interpretation, with or without digitization of film radiographic images; diagnostic mammography	77065 (unilateral) 77066 (bilateral)
77052	Computer-aided detection with further review for interpretation, with or without digitization of film radiographic images; screening mammography	77067
77055	Mammography; unilateral (one breast)	77065
77056	Mammography; bilateral (both breasts)	77066
77057	Screening mammography, bilateral (2-view study of each breast)	77067
77063	Screening digital breast tomosynthesis, bilateral	None
G0202	Screening mammography, producing direct digital image, bilateral, all views	None
G0204	Diagnostic mammography, including computer-aided detection when performed; bilateral	None
G0206	Diagnostic mammography, including computer-aided detection when performed; unilateral	None
G0279	Diagnostic digital breast tomosynthesis, unilateral or bilateral	None

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/15/2018)