

H.639 as voted out of House Health Care Committee

1 Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4100a is amended to read:

2 § 4100a. MAMMOGRAMS AND OTHER BREAST IMAGING SERVICES;

3 COVERAGE REQUIRED

4 (a) Insurers shall provide coverage for screening by mammography and for
 5 other breast imaging services upon recommendation of a health care provider
 6 as needed to detect the presence of ~~œœœœœœ~~ breast cancer and other abnormalities
 7 of the breast or breast tissue, as provided by this subchapter. Benefits provided
 8 shall cover the full cost of ~~the~~ mammography ~~service~~ and other breast imaging
 9 services and shall not be subject to any co-payment, deductible, coinsurance,
 10 or other cost-sharing requirement or additional charge.

11 (b) ~~For females 40 years or older, coverage shall be provided for an annual~~
 12 ~~screening. For females less than 40 years of age, coverage for screening shall~~
 13 ~~be provided upon recommendation of a health care provider. [Repealed.]~~

14 (c) ~~After January 1, 1994, this~~ This section shall apply only to screening
 15 procedures conducted by test facilities accredited by the American College of
 16 Radiologists.

17 (d) As used in this subchapter:

18 (1) "Insurer" means any insurance company ~~which~~ that provides health
 19 insurance as defined in subdivision 3301(a)(2) of this title, nonprofit hospital
 20 and medical service corporations, and health maintenance organizations. The
 21 term does not apply to coverage for specified ~~disease~~ diseases or other limited
 22 benefit coverage.

1 (2) “Mammography” means the x-ray examination of the breast using
2 equipment dedicated specifically for mammography, including the x-ray tube,
3 filter, compression device, screens, films, and cassettes.

4 (3) “Other breast imaging services” includes diagnostic mammography,
5 ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging, and other imaging services and
6 technologies that enable health care providers to detect the presence or absence
7 of breast cancer and other abnormalities affecting the breast or breast tissue.

8 (4) “Screening” includes the mammography test procedure and a
9 qualified physician’s interpretation of the results of the procedure, including
10 additional views and interpretation as needed.

11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on ~~October 1, 2018~~ **January 1, 2019** and shall
13 apply to all health insurance plans issued on and after ~~October 1, 2018~~
14 **January 1, 2019** on such date as a health insurer offers, issues, or renews the
15 health insurance plan, but in no event later than ~~October 1, 2019~~ **January 1,**
16 **2020.**