

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Health Care to which was referred House Bill No. 621
3 entitled “An act relating to health insurance coverage for diagnostic breast
4 imaging” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and
6 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

8 § 4100a. MAMMOGRAMS AND OTHER BREAST IMAGING

9 SERVICES; COVERAGE REQUIRED

10 (a)(1) Insurers shall provide coverage for screening ~~by~~ mammography and
11 for other medically necessary breast imaging services upon recommendation of
12 a health care provider as needed to detect the presence of breast cancer and
13 other abnormalities of the breast or breast tissue. In addition, insurers shall
14 provide coverage for screening by ultrasound or another appropriate imaging
15 service for a patient for whom the results of a screening mammogram were
16 inconclusive or who has dense breast tissue, or both.

17 (2) Benefits provided shall cover the full cost of the mammography,
18 ~~service or ultrasound, as applicable,~~ and other breast imaging services and shall
19 not be subject to any co-payment, deductible, coinsurance, or other cost-
20 sharing requirement or additional charge, except to the extent that such

1 coverage would disqualify a high-deductible health plan from eligibility for a
2 health savings account pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 223.

3 (b) [Repealed.]

4 (c) This section shall apply only to ~~screening~~ procedures conducted by test
5 facilities accredited by the American College of Radiologists.

6 (d) As used in this subchapter:

7 (1) “Insurer” means any insurance company that provides health
8 insurance as defined in subdivision 3301(a)(2) of this title, nonprofit hospital
9 and medical service corporations, and health maintenance organizations. The
10 term does not apply to coverage for specified diseases or other limited benefit
11 coverage.

12 (2) “Mammography” means the x-ray examination of the breast using
13 equipment dedicated specifically for mammography, including the x-ray tube,
14 filter, compression device, and digital detector. The term includes breast
15 tomosynthesis.

16 (3) “Other breast imaging services” means diagnostic mammography,
17 ultrasound, and magnetic resonance imaging services that enable health care
18 providers to detect the presence or absence of breast cancer and other
19 abnormalities affecting the breast or breast tissue.

1 (4) “Screening” includes the mammography or ultrasound test procedure
2 and a qualified physician’s interpretation of the results of the procedure,
3 including additional views and interpretation as needed.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2026 and shall apply to all health
6 insurance plans issued on and after January 1, 2026 on such date as a health
7 insurer offers, issues, or renews the health insurance plan, but in no event later
8 than January 1, 2027.

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(Committee vote: _____)

Representative _____
FOR THE COMMITTEE