

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2261

By: Boyd (Laura) of the
House

and

Monson of the Senate

An Act relating to insurance; prohibiting exclusion of insurance coverage for qualified persons receiving certain bone density tests; limiting amount of reimbursement; defining terms; providing certain limitation; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6060.1 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. All individual and group health insurance policies providing coverage on an expense incurred basis, and all individual and group service or indemnity type contracts issued by a nonprofit corporation which provide coverage for a female forty-five (45) years of age or older in this state, except for policies that provide coverage for specified disease or other limited benefit coverage, shall include the coverage specified by this section for a bone density test to qualified individuals covered by the policy when such test is requested by a primary care or referral physician. The test shall be subject to the policy deductible, copayments and coinsurance limits of the plan; provided, however, no policy or contract shall be required to reimburse more than One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for any such test.

B. For purposes of this section:

1. "Qualified individual" means an individual:
 - a. with an estrogen hormone deficiency,
 - b. with:
 - (1) vertebral abnormalities,
 - (2) primary hyperparathyroidism, or
 - (3) a history of fragility bone fractures,
 - c. who is receiving long-term glucocorticoid, or
 - d. who is currently under treatment for osteoporosis; and
2. "Bone density test" means a medically accepted measurement of bone mass used to detect low bone mass and to determine a qualified individual's risk for osteoporosis.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of April, 1996.

Representatives

Passed the Senate the 2nd day of April, 1996.

President

of the Senate