

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1676

By: Dickerson of the Senate

and

Askins of the House

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to insurance; amending 36 O.S. 2001, Section 6060, which relates to mammography screenings; clarifying insurance benefit; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2001, Section 6060, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6060. 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, including the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board, which provide coverage for a female thirty-five (35) years old 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 routine low-dose mammography screening in a reimbursement amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$115.00) for the presence of occult breast cancer. Such coverage shall not:

1. Be subject to the policy deductible, co-payments and co-insurance limits of the plan; or

2. Require that a female undergo a mammography screening at a specified time as a condition of payment.

B. 1. Any female thirty-five (35) through thirty-nine (39) years of age shall be entitled pursuant to the provisions of this section to coverage for a low-dose mammography screening once every five (5) years.

2. Any female forty (40) years of age or older shall be entitled pursuant to the provisions of this section to coverage for an annual low-dose mammography screening ~~at no charge to the patient.~~

C. For the purposes of this section, the term "low-dose mammography" means the x-ray examination of the breast using equipment dedicated specifically for mammography, including but not limited to the x-ray tube, filter, compression device, screens, films, and cassettes, with an average radiation exposure delivery of less than one rad mid-breast, with two views for each breast.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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