

3 Senate Bill No. 343

4 SENATE BILL NO. 343 - By: CAIN, JOHNSON (Constance) and PADDACK of
5 the Senate and COX of the House.

6 An Act relating to insurance; amending 36 O.S. 2001, Section
7 6060.8a, which relates to colorectal cancer coverage;
8 requiring health benefit plans to provide coverage for
9 colorectal cancer examinations to certain individuals;
10 modifying definition; and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2001, Section 6060.8a, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 6060.8a A. Any health benefit plan, including the
15 State and Education Employees Group Health Insurance Plan, that is
16 offered, issued or renewed in this state on or after January 1,
17 2006, which provides medical and surgical benefits, shall ~~offer~~
18 provide coverage for colorectal cancer examinations and laboratory
19 tests for cancer for any nonsymptomatic covered individual, in
20 accordance with standard, accepted published medical practice
21 guidelines for colorectal cancer screening, who is:

22 1. At least fifty (50) years of age; or

23 2. Less than fifty (50) years of age and at high risk for
24 colorectal cancer according to the standard, accepted published
25 medical practice guidelines.

1 B. The coverage provided for by this section shall be subject
2 to the same annual deductibles, co-payments or coinsurance limits as
3 established for other covered benefits under the health plan.

4 C. To minimize costs for nonsymptomatic screening, third-party
5 reimbursement may be at the existing Medicaid rate which shall be
6 payment in full.

7 D. As used in this section, "health benefit plan" means any
8 plan or arrangement as defined in subsection D of Section 6060.8 of
9 Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes; provided, however, the provisions
10 of this section shall not apply to policies or certificates issued
11 to individuals or to groups with fifty (50) or fewer employees, ~~or~~
12 ~~to plans offered under the state Medicaid program.~~

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN RESOURCES, dated
15 2-16-06 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.