



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 163

Assembly Amendment 1

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2009 Senate Bill 163 requires health insurance policies and plans that cover any diagnostic or surgical procedures to cover colorectal cancer examinations and laboratory tests for any insured or enrollee who is 50 years of age or older, or any insured or enrollee who is under 50 years of age and at high risk for colorectal cancer.

The coverage requirement applies to both individual and group health insurance policies and plans, including defined network plans and cooperative sickness care associations; to health care plans offered by the state to its employees, including a self-insured plan; and to self-insured health plans of counties, cities, towns, villages, and school districts. The requirement specifically does not apply to limited-scope benefit plans or to policies covering only certain specified diseases. The required coverage may be subject to any limitations, exclusions, or cost-sharing provisions that apply generally under the policy or plan.

The bill requires the commissioner, in consultation with the Secretary of Health Services, to promulgate rules that do all of the following:

- Specify guidelines for the colorectal cancer screening that must be covered under the bill, in accordance with the guidelines of the American Cancer Society for colorectal cancer screening.
- Specify the factors for determining whether an individual is at high risk for colorectal cancer, in accordance with the guidelines of the American Cancer Society for colorectal cancer screening.
- Update the guidelines, described above, in accordance with updates to the guidelines of the American Cancer Society for colorectal cancer screening and as medically appropriate.

Assembly Amendment 1 requires the commissioner to promulgate the rules relating to colorectal cancer screening after considering nationally validated guidelines, including guidelines issued by the American Cancer Society for colorectal cancer screening. The amendment deletes the requirement that

the guidelines for the colorectal cancer screening that must be covered and the factors for determining whether an individual is at high risk for colorectal cancer must be in accordance with the guidelines of the American Cancer Society for colorectal cancer screening. Finally, the amendment requires the commissioner to periodically update the guidelines for the colorectal cancer screening that must be covered and the factors for determining whether an individual is at high risk for colorectal cancer.

Legislative History

Representative Molepske offered Assembly Amendment 1. On March 11, 2010, the Assembly Committee on Insurance unanimously recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 4.

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