An Act To Reduce Colorectal Cancer Incidence and Mortality by Updating Screening Coverage

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham and
Senators: BLACK of Franklin, BREEN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin,
GRATWICK of Penobscot, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin,
Representatives: GRIGNON of Athens, KESCHL of Belgrade.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2763, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §2 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

1. Colorectal cancer screening. For the purposes of this section, "colorectal cancer screening" means all colorectal cancer examination examinations and laboratory test tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2763, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §2 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

A. Fifty years of age or older At average risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society; or

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2763, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §2 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

B. Less than 50 years of age and at high risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2847-N, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §3 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

1. Colorectal cancer screening. For the purposes of this section, "colorectal cancer screening" means all colorectal cancer examination examinations and laboratory test tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §2847-N, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §3 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

A. Fifty years of age or older At average risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society; or

Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §2847-N, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §3 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

B. Less than 50 years of age and at high risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

Sec. 7. 24-A MRSA §4254, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §4 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

1. Colorectal cancer screening. For the purposes of this section, "colorectal cancer screening" means all colorectal cancer examination examinations and laboratory test tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.
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published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

Sec. 8. 24-A MRSA §4254, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §4 and
affected by §5, is amended to read:

A. Fifty years of age or older At average risk for colorectal cancer according to the
most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer
society; or

Sec. 9. 24-A MRSA §4254, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §4 and
affected by §5, is amended to read:

B. Less than 50 years of age and at high risk for colorectal cancer according to the
most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer
society.

SUMMARY

This bill removes references to the age of the patient for purposes of requiring
coverage for colorectal cancer screening for asymptomatic individuals who are at average
risk for colorectal cancer and instead requires coverage in accordance with the most
recently published guidelines of a national cancer society. In addition, this bill requires
coverage of all colorectal examinations and laboratory tests recommended by a health
care provider in accordance with those published guidelines.