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

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

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

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.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 **1. Colorectal cancer screening.** For the purposes of this section, "colorectal cancer  
37 screening" means a all colorectal cancer ~~examination~~ examinations and laboratory ~~test~~

1 tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the most recently  
2 published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

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

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

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

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

### 13 SUMMARY

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