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Introduced by M. of A. HUNTER, RAGA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance -- recommitted to the Committee on Insurance in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to requiring certain insurance policies allow patients additional screenings for breast cancer when the provider deems such screening is necessary under nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subparagraph (A) of paragraph 11 of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 414 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

(A) Every policy that provides coverage for hospital, surgical or medical care shall provide the following coverage for mammography screening for occult breast cancer:

(i) upon the recommendation of a physician, a mammogram, which may be provided by breast tomosynthesis, at any age for covered persons having a prior history of breast cancer or who have a first degree relative with a prior history of breast cancer;

(ii) a single baseline mammogram, which may be provided by breast tomosynthesis, for covered persons aged thirty-five through thirty-nine, inclusive; [~~and~~]

(iii) an annual mammogram, which may be provided by breast tomosynthesis, for covered persons aged forty and older**; and**

(iv) upon the recommendation of a physician, screening and diagnostic imaging, including diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds, or magnetic resonance imaging, recommended by nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines for the detection of breast cancer. For the purposes

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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of this item, "nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines" means evidence-based clinical practice guidelines informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits, and risks of alternative care options intended to optimize patient care developed by independent organizations or medical professional societies utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy.

§ 2. Subparagraph (A) of paragraph 11 of subsection (l) of section 3221 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 143 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(A) Every insurer delivering a group or blanket policy or issuing a group or blanket policy for delivery in this state that provides coverage for hospital, surgical or medical care shall provide the following coverage for mammography screening for occult breast cancer:

(i) upon the recommendation of a physician, a mammogram, which may be provided by breast tomosynthesis, at any age for covered persons having a prior history of breast cancer or who have a first degree relative with a prior history of breast cancer;

(ii) a single baseline mammogram, which may be provided by breast tomosynthesis, for covered persons aged thirty-five through thirty-nine, inclusive;

(iii) an annual mammogram, which may be provided by breast tomosynthesis, for covered persons aged forty and older; [~~and~~]

(iv) for large group policies that provide coverage for hospital, surgical or medical care, an annual mammogram for covered persons aged thirty-five through thirty-nine, inclusive, upon the recommendation of a physician, subject to the insurer's determination that the mammogram is medically necessary; and

(v) upon the recommendation of a physician, screening and diagnostic imaging, including diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds, or magnetic resonance imaging, recommended by nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines for the detection of breast cancer. For the purposes of this item, "nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines" means evidence-based clinical practice guidelines informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits, and risks of alternative care options intended to optimize patient care developed by independent organizations or medical professional societies utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy.

§ 3. Paragraph 1 of subsection (p) of section 4303 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 219 of the laws of 2011, subparagraph (A) as amended by chapter 414 of the laws of 2017, and subparagraphs (B), (C), (D), and (E) as amended by chapter 143 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(1) A medical expense indemnity corporation, a hospital service corporation or a health service corporation that provides coverage for hospital, surgical or medical care shall provide the following coverage for mammography screening for occult breast cancer:

(A) upon the recommendation of a physician, a mammogram, which may be provided by breast tomosynthesis, at any age for covered persons having a prior history of breast cancer or who have a first degree relative with a prior history of breast cancer;

(B) a single baseline mammogram, which may be provided by breast tomosynthesis, for covered persons aged thirty-five through thirty-nine, inclusive;

(C) an annual mammogram, which may be provided by breast tomosythesis, for covered persons aged forty and older;

(D) for large group contracts offered by a medical expense indemnity corporation, a hospital service corporation or a health service corporation that provide coverage for hospital, surgical or medical care, an annual mammogram for covered persons aged thirty-five through thirty-nine, inclusive, upon the recommendation of a physician, subject to the corporation's determination that the mammogram is medically necessary; [~~and~~]

(E) **upon the recommendation of a physician, screening and diagnostic imaging, including diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds, or magnetic resonance imaging, recommended by nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines for the detection of breast cancer. For the purposes of this subparagraph, "nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines" means evidence-based clinical practice guidelines informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits, and risks of alternative care options intended to optimize patient care developed by independent organizations or medical professional societies utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy; and**

(F) The coverage required in this paragraph or paragraph two of this subsection shall not be subject to annual deductibles or coinsurance.

§ 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026 and shall apply to all policies and contracts issued, renewed, modified, altered or amended on or after such date.