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Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN, MEEKS, JACOBSON, SANTABARBARA, OTIS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to including image-guided biopsies under certain insurance coverage for breast cancer screening

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

Section 1. Item (iv) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph 11 of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 424 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

(iv) upon the recommendation of a physician, screening and diagnostic imaging, including diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds, **image-guided breast biopsies,** 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.

§ 2. Item (v) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph 11 of subsection (l) of section 3221 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 424 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

(v) upon the recommendation of a physician, screening and diagnostic imaging, including diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds, **image-guided breast biopsies,** 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

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

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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. Subparagraph (E) of paragraph 1 of subsection (p) of section 4303 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 424 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

(E) upon the recommendation of a physician, screening and diagnostic imaging, including diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds, **image-guided breast biopsies,** 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

§ 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027 and shall apply to all policies and contracts issued, renewed, modified, altered or amended on or after such date.