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Introduced by Sen. MARTINEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to reducing the age of receiving annual mammograms for persons enrolled in certain large group policies

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Shannon's Law".

§ 2. 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:

(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;

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

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

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(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. Subparagraph (D) 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:

(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~~] thirty through thirty-nine, inclusive, upon the recommendation of a physician, subject to the corporation's determination that the mammogram is medically necessary; and

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as chapter 424 of the laws of 2024, takes effect and shall apply to policies and contracts issued, renewed, modified, altered or amended on or after such effective date.