A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR BREAST CANCER SCREENING.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

The bill requires that breast cancer screening with mammography be individualized for each patient and that if a health care provider deems it to be medically appropriate, a breast cancer screening shall be a covered benefit. In 2009, the general assembly changed the required breast cancer screening coverage provisions to tie them to the recommendations of the...
U.S. preventive services task force. This bill requires coverage for more frequent breast cancer screening than the task force recommendations if the screening is deemed medically appropriate.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 10-16-104 (18) (b) (III), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended by the addition of a new sub-subparagraph to read:

10-16-104. Mandatory coverage provisions - definitions.

(18) Preventive health care services. (b) The coverage required by this subsection (18) shall include preventive health care services for the following, in accordance with the A or B recommendations of the task force for the particular preventive health care service:

(III) (D) notwithstanding the A or B recommendations of the task force, an annual breast cancer screening with mammography shall be covered pursuant to sub-subparagraph (b) of this subparagraph (III) for individuals at risk or over forty years old.

SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability. This act shall take effect January 1, 2011, and shall apply to policies and contracts entered into or renewed on or after such date.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.