CHAPTER 196


BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 1 of P.L.1991, c.279 (C.17:48-6g) is amended to read as follows:

C.17:48-6g Hospital service corporation contract, mammogram examination benefits.
   1. a. No group or individual hospital service corporation contract providing hospital or medical expense benefits shall be delivered, issued, executed, or renewed in this State or approved for issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, on or after the effective date of this act, unless the contract provides benefits to any subscriber or other person covered thereunder for expenses incurred in conducting:
      (1) one baseline mammogram examination for women who are 40 years of age; a mammogram examination every year for women age 40 and over; and, in the case of a woman who is under 40 years of age and has a family history of breast cancer or other breast cancer risk factors, a mammogram examination at such age and intervals as deemed medically necessary by the woman’s health care provider; and
      (2) an ultrasound evaluation, a magnetic resonance imaging scan, a three-dimensional mammography, or other additional testing of an entire breast or breasts, after a baseline mammogram examination, if the mammogram demonstrates extremely dense breast tissue, if the mammogram is abnormal within any degree of breast density including not dense, moderately dense, heterogeneously dense, or extremely dense breast tissue, or if the patient has additional risk factors for breast cancer including but not limited to family history of breast cancer, prior personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing, extremely dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology, or other indications as determined by the patient’s health care provider. The coverage required under this paragraph may be subject to utilization review, including periodic review, by the hospital service corporation of the medical necessity of the additional screening and diagnostic testing.
   b. These benefits shall be provided to the same extent as for any other sickness under the contract.
   c. The provisions of this section shall apply to all contracts in which the hospital service corporation has reserved the right to change the premium.

2. Section 2 of P.L.1991, c.279 (C.17:48A-7f) is amended to read as follows:

C.17:48A-7f Medical service corporation contract, mammogram examination benefits.
   2. a. No group or individual medical service corporation contract providing hospital or medical expense benefits shall be delivered, issued, executed, or renewed in this State or approved for issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, on or after the effective date of this act, unless the contract provides benefits to any subscriber or other person covered thereunder for expenses incurred in conducting:
      (1) one baseline mammogram examination for women who are 40 years of age; a mammogram examination every year for women age 40 and over; and, in the case of a woman who is under 40 years of age and has a family history of breast cancer or other breast
cancer risk factors, a mammogram examination at such age and intervals as deemed medically necessary by the woman’s health care provider; and

(2) an ultrasound evaluation, a magnetic resonance imaging scan, a three-dimensional mammography, or other additional testing of an entire breast or breasts, after a baseline mammogram examination, if the mammogram demonstrates extremely dense breast tissue, if the mammogram is abnormal within any degree of breast density including not dense, moderately dense, heterogeneously dense, or extremely dense breast tissue, or if the patient has additional risk factors for breast cancer including but not limited to family history of breast cancer, prior personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing, extremely dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology, or other indications as determined by the patient’s health care provider. The coverage required under this paragraph may be subject to utilization review, including periodic review, by the medical service corporation of the medical necessity of the additional screening and diagnostic testing.

b. These benefits shall be provided to the same extent as for any other sickness under the contract.

c. The provisions of this section shall apply to all contracts in which the medical service corporation has reserved the right to change the premium.

3. Section 3 of P.L.1991, c.279 (C.17:48E-35.4) is amended to read as follows:

C.17:48E-35.4 Health service corporation contract, mammogram examination benefits.

3. a. No group or individual health service corporation contract providing hospital or medical expense benefits shall be delivered, issued, executed, or renewed in this State or approved for issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, on or after the effective date of this act, unless the contract provides benefits to any subscriber or other person covered thereunder for expenses incurred in conducting:

(1) one baseline mammogram examination for women who are 40 years of age; a mammogram examination every year for women age 40 and over; and, in the case of a woman who is under 40 years of age and has a family history of breast cancer or other breast cancer risk factors, a mammogram examination at such age and intervals as deemed medically necessary by the woman’s health care provider; and

(2) an ultrasound evaluation, a magnetic resonance imaging scan, a three-dimensional mammography, or other additional testing of an entire breast or breasts, after a baseline mammogram examination, if the mammogram demonstrates extremely dense breast tissue, if the mammogram is abnormal within any degree of breast density including not dense, moderately dense, heterogeneously dense, or extremely dense breast tissue, or if the patient has additional risk factors for breast cancer including but not limited to family history of breast cancer, prior personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing, extremely dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology, or other indications as determined by the patient’s health care provider. The coverage required under this paragraph may be subject to utilization review, including periodic review, by the health service corporation of the medical necessity of the additional screening and diagnostic testing.

b. These benefits shall be provided to the same extent as for any other sickness under the contract.

c. The provisions of this section shall apply to all contracts in which the health service corporation has reserved the right to change the premium.
4. Section 4 of P.L.1991, c.279 (C.17B:26-2.1e) is amended to read as follows:

C.17B:26-2.1e Individual health insurance policy, mammogram examination benefits.

4. a. No individual health insurance policy providing hospital or medical expense benefits shall be delivered, issued, executed, or renewed in this State or approved for issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, on or after the effective date of this act, unless the policy provides benefits to any named insured or other person covered thereunder for expenses incurred in conducting:

(1) one baseline mammogram examination for women who are 40 years of age; a mammogram examination every year for women age 40 and over; and, in the case of a woman who is under 40 years of age and has a family history of breast cancer or other breast cancer risk factors, a mammogram examination at such age and intervals as deemed medically necessary by the woman’s health care provider; and

(2) an ultrasound evaluation, a magnetic resonance imaging scan, a three-dimensional mammography, or other additional testing of an entire breast or breasts, after a baseline mammogram examination, if the mammogram demonstrates extremely dense breast tissue, if the mammogram is abnormal within any degree of breast density including not dense, moderately dense, heterogeneously dense, or extremely dense breast tissue, or if the patient has additional risk factors for breast cancer including but not limited to family history of breast cancer, prior personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing, extremely dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology, or other indications as determined by the patient’s health care provider. The coverage required under this paragraph may be subject to utilization review, including periodic review, by the insurer of the medical necessity of the additional screening and diagnostic testing.

b. These benefits shall be provided to the same extent as for any other sickness under the policy.

c. The provisions of this section shall apply to all policies in which the insurer has reserved the right to change the premium.

5. Section 5 of P.L.1991, c.279 (C.17B:27-46.1f) is amended to read as follows:

C.17B:27-46.1f Group health insurance policy, mammogram examination benefits.

5. a. No group health insurance policy providing hospital or medical expense benefits shall be delivered, issued, executed, or renewed in this State or approved for issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, on or after the effective date of this act, unless the policy provides benefits to any named insured or other person covered thereunder for expenses incurred in conducting:

(1) one baseline mammogram examination for women who are 40 years of age; a mammogram examination every year for women age 40 and over; and, in the case of a woman who is under 40 years of age and has a family history of breast cancer or other breast cancer risk factors, a mammogram examination at such age and intervals as deemed medically necessary by the woman’s health care provider; and

(2) an ultrasound evaluation, a magnetic resonance imaging scan, a three-dimensional mammography, or other additional testing of an entire breast or breasts, after a baseline mammogram examination, if the mammogram demonstrates extremely dense breast tissue, if the mammogram is abnormal within any degree of breast density including not dense,
moderately dense, heterogeneously dense, or extremely dense breast tissue, or if the patient has additional risk factors for breast cancer including but not limited to family history of breast cancer, prior personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing, extremely dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology, or other indications as determined by the patient’s health care provider. The coverage required under this paragraph may be subject to utilization review, including periodic review, by the insurer of the medical necessity of the additional screening and diagnostic testing.

b. These benefits shall be provided to the same extent as for any other sickness under the policy.

c. The provisions of this section shall apply to all policies in which the insurer has reserved the right to change the premium.

6. Section 7 of P.L.2004, c.86 (C.17B:27A-7.10) is amended to read as follows:


7. a. Every individual health benefits plan that is delivered, issued, executed, or renewed in this State pursuant to P.L.1992, c.161 (C.17B:27A-2 et seq.) or approved for issuance or renewal in this State, on or after the effective date of this act, shall provide benefits to any person covered thereunder for expenses incurred in conducting:

(1) one baseline mammogram examination for women who are 40 years of age; a mammogram examination every year for women age 40 and over; and, in the case of a woman who is under 40 years of age and has a family history of breast cancer or other breast cancer risk factors, a mammogram examination at such age and intervals as deemed medically necessary by the woman's health care provider; and

(2) an ultrasound evaluation, a magnetic resonance imaging scan, a three-dimensional mammography, or other additional testing of an entire breast or breasts, after a baseline mammogram examination, if the mammogram demonstrates extremely dense breast tissue, if the mammogram is abnormal within any degree of breast density including not dense, moderately dense, heterogeneously dense, or extremely dense breast tissue, or if the patient has additional risk factors for breast cancer including but not limited to family history of breast cancer, prior personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing, extremely dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology, or other indications as determined by the patient’s health care provider. The coverage required under this paragraph may be subject to utilization review, including periodic review, by the carrier of the medical necessity of the additional screening and diagnostic testing.

b. The benefits shall be provided to the same extent as for any other medical condition under the health benefits plan.

c. The provisions of this section shall apply to all health benefit plans in which the carrier has reserved the right to change the premium.

7. Section 8 of P.L.2004, c.86 (C.17B:27A-19.13) is amended to read as follows:


8. a. Every small employer health benefits plan that is delivered, issued, executed, or renewed in this State pursuant to P.L.1992, c.162 (C.17B:27A-17 et seq.) or approved for
issuance or renewal in this State, on or after the effective date of this act, shall provide benefits to any person covered thereunder for expenses incurred in conducting:

(1) one baseline mammogram examination for women who are 40 years of age; a mammogram examination every year for women age 40 and over; and, in the case of a woman who is under 40 years of age and has a family history of breast cancer or other breast cancer risk factors, a mammogram examination at such age and intervals as deemed medically necessary by the woman's health care provider; and

(2) an ultrasound evaluation, a magnetic resonance imaging scan, a three-dimensional mammography, or other additional testing of an entire breast or breasts, after a baseline mammogram examination, if the mammogram demonstrates extremely dense breast tissue, if the mammogram is abnormal within any degree of breast density including not dense, moderately dense, heterogeneously dense, or extremely dense breast tissue, or if the patient has additional risk factors for breast cancer including but not limited to family history of breast cancer, prior personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing, extremely dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology, or other indications as determined by the patient's health care provider. The coverage required under this paragraph may be subject to utilization review, including periodic review, by the carrier of the medical necessity of the additional screening and diagnostic testing.

b. The benefits shall be provided to the same extent as for any other medical condition under the health benefits plan.

c. The provisions of this section shall apply to all health benefit plans in which the carrier has reserved the right to change the premium.

8. Section 6 of P.L.1991, c.279 (C.26:2J-4.4) is amended to read as follows:

C.26:2J-4.4 Health maintenance organization, mammogram examination benefits.

6. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a certificate of authority to establish and operate a health maintenance organization in this State shall not be issued or continued by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance on or after the effective date of this act unless the health maintenance organization provides health care services to any enrollee for the conduct of:

(1) one baseline mammogram examination for women who are 40 years of age; a mammogram examination every year for women age 40 and over; and, in the case of a woman who is under 40 years of age and has a family history of breast cancer or other breast cancer risk factors, a mammogram examination at such age and intervals as deemed medically necessary by the woman's health care provider; and

(2) an ultrasound evaluation, a magnetic resonance imaging scan, a three-dimensional mammography, or other additional testing of an entire breast or breasts, after a baseline mammogram examination, if the mammogram demonstrates extremely dense breast tissue, if the mammogram is abnormal within any degree of breast density including not dense, moderately dense, heterogeneously dense, or extremely dense breast tissue, or if the patient has additional risk factors for breast cancer including but not limited to family history of breast cancer, prior personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing, extremely dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology, or other indications as determined by the patient's health care provider. The coverage required under this paragraph may be subject to
utilization review, including periodic review, by the health maintenance organization of the medical necessity of the additional screening and diagnostic testing.

b. These health care services shall be provided to the same extent as for any other sickness under the enrollee agreement.

c. The provisions of this section shall apply to all enrollee agreements in which the health maintenance organization has reserved the right to change the schedule of charges.

9. Section 9 of P.L.2004, c.86 (C.52:14-17.29i) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:14-17.29i State Health Benefits Program, coverage for mammograms.

9. a. The State Health Benefits Commission shall provide benefits to each person covered under the State Health Benefits Program for expenses incurred in conducting:

   (1) one baseline mammogram examination for women who are 40 years of age; a mammogram examination every year for women age 40 and over; and, in the case of a woman who is under 40 years of age and has a family history of breast cancer or other breast cancer risk factors, a mammogram examination at such age and intervals as deemed medically necessary by the woman’s health care provider; and

   (2) an ultrasound evaluation, a magnetic resonance imaging scan, a three-dimensional mammography, or other additional testing of an entire breast or breasts, after a baseline mammogram examination, if the mammogram demonstrates extremely dense breast tissue, if the mammogram is abnormal within any degree of breast density including not dense, moderately dense, heterogeneously dense, or extremely dense breast tissue, or if the patient has additional risk factors for breast cancer including but not limited to family history of breast cancer, prior personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing, extremely dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology, or other indications as determined by the patient’s health care provider. The coverage required under this paragraph may be subject to utilization review, including periodic review, by the carrier of the medical necessity of the additional screening and diagnostic testing.

b. The benefits shall be provided to the same extent as for any other medical condition under the contract.

C.26:2-184.3 Information included in mammography report.

10. A facility that provides a mammography report pursuant to the federal Mammography Quality Standards Act, 42 U.S.C. s.263b, shall include the following information, at a minimum, in the mammography report sent to the patient and the patient's health care provider: “Your mammogram may show that you have dense breast tissue as determined by the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology. Dense breast tissue is very common and is not abnormal. However, in some cases, dense breast tissue can make it harder to find cancer on a mammogram and may also be associated with a risk factor for breast cancer. Discuss this and other risks for breast cancer that pertain to your personal medical history with your health care provider. A report of your results was sent to your health care provider. You may also find more information about breast density at the website of the American College of Radiology, www.acr.org.”

C.26:2-184.4 Purpose of information required.

11. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, the provisions of section 10 of P.L.2013, c.196 (C.26:2-184.3) shall not impose a standard of care obligation
upon a patient’s health care provider. The information required to be provided by section 10 of P.L.2013, c.196 (C.26:2-184.3) is intended to increase awareness of breast cancer and help facilitate a conversation between a patient and a patient’s health care provider regarding the patient’s risks for breast cancer.

C.26:2-184.5 Rules, regulations.

12. The Commissioner of Health, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to effectuate the purposes of sections 10 and 11 of P.L.2013, c.196 (C.26:2-184.3 and C.26:2-184.4).


13. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, the Mandated Health Benefits Advisory Commission established pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2003, c.193 (C.17B:27D-3), shall prepare a report regarding the implementation and administration of P.L.2013, c.196 (C.26:2-184.3 et al.) at least once in each five-year period following the effective date of P.L.2013, c.196 (C.26:2-184.3 et al.).

b. The report shall provide a summary of the social and financial impact, as well as the medical efficacy, of the requirements imposed by P.L.2013, c.196 (C.26:2-184.3 et al.), and shall provide a summary of any recommendations the commission may have to improve the effectiveness of P.L.2013, c.196 (C.26:2-184.3 et al.).

c. The commission shall transmit a copy of a report prepared in accordance with this section to the Governor, and to the Legislature, in accordance with section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), within five days of the date the report is prepared.

C.17B:27D-11 Work group regarding risk factors for breast cancer, breast imaging options.

14. a. The Department of Health, in conjunction with the Medical Society of New Jersey, shall convene a work group to review and report on strategies to improve the dialogue between patients and health care professionals regarding risk factors for breast cancer and breast imaging options. The work group shall review breast imaging standards, the federal Mammography Quality Standards Act and breast imaging results protocols, and shall recommend strategies to improve the dialogue between patients and health care professionals regarding breast density and breast imaging options.

b. The department shall invite to participate in the work group representatives of patient advocacy groups and health care professionals’ organizations. The work group shall organize as soon as practicable following the appointment of its members. The members of the work group shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and within the limits of funds available to the work group.

c. The work group shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as the work group may require and as may be available to the work group for its purposes.

d. The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), along with any legislative bills that it desires to recommend for adoption by the Legislature, on an annual basis. The work group shall submit its first report no later than 12 months after the initial meeting of the work group.
15. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month next following the date of enactment. Sections 1 through 9 of this act shall apply to all contracts and policies that are delivered, issued, executed, or renewed or approved for issuance or renewal in this State on or after the effective date. The Commissioner of Banking and Insurance and the Commissioner of Health may take such anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

Approved January 17, 2014.