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**Senator Coughlin**

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To enact sections 1751.69, 3923.651, and 5111.017 of 1  
the Revised Code to require certain health care 2  
policies, contracts, agreements, and plans, as 3  
well as the state's Medicaid program, to provide 4  
benefits for colorectal examinations and 5  
laboratory tests for cancer. 6

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 1751.69, 3923.651, and 5111.017 of 7  
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 1751.69.** (A) Notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the 9  
Revised Code, each individual or group health insuring corporation 10  
policy, contract, or agreement providing basic health care 11  
services that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in 12  
this state shall provide benefits for the expenses of colorectal 13  
cancer examinations and laboratory tests for cancer for any 14  
nonsymptomatic individual who is either of the following: 15

(1) Fifty years of age or older; 16

(2) Less than fifty years of age and at high risk for 17  
colorectal cancer according to the most recently published 18  
colorectal cancer screening guidelines of the American cancer 19

society. 20

(B) The benefits provided under division (A) of this section shall be provided for examinations and laboratory tests that are performed in accordance with the most recently published cancer screening guidelines of the American cancer society. 21  
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(C) The benefits provided under division (A) of this section shall be subject to the same terms and conditions, including copayment charges, that apply to similar benefits provided under the policy, contract, or agreement. 25  
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**Sec. 3923.651.** (A) Notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the Revised Code, each policy of individual or group sickness and accident insurance that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state and each public employee benefit plan shall provide benefits for the expenses of colorectal cancer examinations and laboratory tests for cancer for any nonsymptomatic individual who is either of the following: 29  
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(1) Fifty years of age or older; 36

(2) Less than fifty years of age and at high risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of the American cancer society. 37  
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(B) The benefits provided under division (A) of this section shall be provided for examinations and laboratory tests that are performed in accordance with the most recently published cancer screening guidelines of the American cancer society. 41  
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(C) The benefits provided under division (A) of this section shall be subject to the same terms and conditions, including copayments and deductibles, that apply to similar benefits provided under the policy. 45  
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(D) This section does not apply to any policy that provides 49

coverage for specific diseases or accidents only, or to any 50  
hospital indemnity, medicare supplement, or other policy that 51  
offers only supplemental benefits. 52

Sec. 5111.017. (A) The provision of medical assistance under 53  
this chapter shall include coverage of colorectal cancer 54  
examinations and laboratory tests for cancer for any 55  
nonsymptomatic individual who is either of the following: 56

(1) Fifty years of age or older; 57

(2) Less than fifty years of age and at high risk for 58  
colorectal cancer according to the most recently published 59  
colorectal cancer screening guidelines of the American cancer 60  
society. 61

(B) The coverage provided under division (A) of this section 62  
shall be provided for examinations and laboratory tests that are 63  
performed in accordance with the most recently published cancer 64  
screening guidelines of the American cancer society. 65