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A BILL

To enact sections 1751.69, 3923.651, and 5111.0210 of

the Revised Code to require certain health care

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 5111.0210 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 due to one of the following:

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(a) A personal history of colorectal cancer or adenomatous	19
polyps;	20
(b) A personal history of chronic inflammatory bowel disease,	21
such as crohns disease or ulcerative colitis;	22
(c) A family history of colorectal cancer or polyps,	23
determined by cancer or polyps in a first degree relative less	24
than sixty years of age or two or more first degree relatives of	25
any age;	26
(d) A known family history of hereditary colorectal cancer	27
syndromes such as familial adenomatous polyposis or hereditary	28
nonpolyposis colon cancer.	29
(B) The benefits provided under division (A) of this section	30
shall include coverage of all of the following:	31
(1) Flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years;	32
(2) Colonoscopy every ten years;	33
(3) Double contrast barium enema every five years;	34
(4) CT colonography every five years;	35
(5) A stool DNA test with high sensitivity for cancer every	36
five years or one of the following screening tests annually:	37
(a) Guaiac-based fecal occult blood test with high test	38
sensitivity for cancer;	39
(b) Fecal immunochemical test with high test sensitivity for	40
cancer;	41
(c) Any combination of the most reliable, medically	42
recognized screening tests available.	43
(C) The benefits provided under division (A) of this section	44
shall be subject to all terms, conditions, restrictions,	45
exclusions, and limitations that apply to any other coverage under	46
the policy, contract, or agreement for services performed by	47

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participating and nonparticipating providers. Nothing in this	48
section shall be construed as requiring reimbursement to a	49
provider or facility providing the examination or test that does	50
not have a health care contract with the health insuring	51
corporation, or as prohibiting a health insuring corporation that	52
does not have a health care contract with the provider or facility	53
providing the examination or test from negotiating a single case	54
or other agreement for coverage.	55
Sec. 3923.651. (A) Notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the	56
Revised Code, each policy of individual or group sickness and	57
accident insurance that is delivered, issued for delivery, or	58
renewed in this state and each public employee benefit plan shall	59
provide benefits for the expenses of colorectal cancer	60
examinations and laboratory tests for cancer for any	61
nonsymptomatic individual who is either of the following:	62
(1) Fifty years of age or older;	63
(2) Less than fifty years of age and at high risk for	64
colorectal cancer due to one of the following:	65
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polyps;	67
(b) A personal history of chronic inflammatory bowel disease,	68
such as crohns disease or ulcerative colitis;	69
(c) A family history of colorectal cancer or polyps,	70
determined by cancer or polyps in a first degree relative less	71
than sixty years of age or two or more first degree relatives of	72
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(c) Any combination of the most reliable, medically	89
recognized screening tests available.	90
(C) The benefits provided under division (A) of this section	91
shall be subject to all terms, conditions, restrictions,	92
exclusions, and limitations that apply to any other coverage under	93
the policy or plan for services performed by participating and	94
nonparticipating providers. Nothing in this section shall be	95
construed as requiring reimbursement to a provider or facility	96
providing the examination or test that does not have a health care	97
contract with the entity issuing the policy or plan, or as	98
prohibiting the entity issuing a policy or plan that does not have	99
a health care contract with the provider or facility providing the	100
examination or test from negotiating a single case or other	101
agreement for coverage.	102
(D) This section does not apply to any policy that provides	103
coverage for specific diseases or accidents only, or to any	104
hospital indemnity, medicare supplement, or other policy that	105
offers only supplemental benefits.	106

Sec. 5111.0210. (A) The medicaid program shall cover
colorectal cancer examinations and laboratory tests for cancer for
any nonsymptomatic medicaid recipient who is either of the
<pre>following:</pre>
(1) Fifty years of age or older;
(2) Less than fifty years of age and at high risk for
colorectal cancer due to one of the following:
(a) A personal history of colorectal cancer or adenomatous
polyps;
(b) A personal history of chronic inflammatory bowel disease,
such as crohns disease or ulcerative colitis;
(c) A family history of colorectal cancer or polyps,
determined by cancer or polyps in a first degree relative less
than sixty years of age or in two or more first degree relatives
of any age;
(d) A known family history of hereditary colorectal cancer
syndromes such as familial adenomatous polyposis or hereditary
nonpolyposis colon cancer.
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shall include coverage of all of the following:
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(2) Colonoscopy every ten years;
(3) Double contrast barium enema every five years;
(4) CT colonography every five years;
(5) A stool DNA test with high sensitivity for cancer every
five years or one of the following screening tests annually:
(a) Guaiac-based fecal occult blood test with high test
sensitivity for cancer;

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(b) Fecal immunochemical test with high test sensitivity for	135
cancer;	136
(c) Any combination of the most reliable, medically	137
recognized screening tests available.	138