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To enact sections 1751.69, 3923.90, and 5111.026 of 1
the Revised Code to require certain health care 2
insurers and plans, including the state's Medicaid 3
program, to offer to provide benefits for prostate 4
cancer screening examinations. 5

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

Section 1. That sections 1751.69, 3923.90, and 5111.026 of 6
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 1751.69. (A) Notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the 8
Revised Code, each health insuring corporation providing insurance 9
for basic health care services in this state shall offer to 10
provide as a supplemental health care service benefits to its 11
subscribers for the expenses of examinations and laboratory tests 12
for prostate cancer. 13

(B) If a health insuring corporation provides benefits under 14
division (A) of this section, the benefits shall be provided: 15

(1) To any nonsymptomatic individual for whom the most 16
recently published American cancer society guidelines recommend 17
screening based on age, health, and other risk factors; 18

(2) For examinations and laboratory tests that are 19
recommended by, and performed in accordance with, the most 20
recently published American cancer society guidelines; 21

(3) Subject to the same terms and conditions, including 22
copayment charges, that apply to similar benefits provided under 23
the policy, contract, or agreement. 24

Sec. 3923.90. (A) Notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the 25
Revised Code, each insurance company authorized to do the business 26
of sickness and accident insurance in this state and each public 27
employee benefit plan that is established or modified in this 28
state shall offer to provide benefits for the expenses of 29
examinations and laboratory tests for prostate cancer. 30

(B) If an insurance company authorized to do the business of 31
sickness and accident insurance in this state or public employee 32
benefit plan provides benefits under division (A) of this section, 33
the benefits shall be provided: 34

(1) To any nonsymptomatic individual for whom the most 35
recently published American cancer society guidelines recommend 36
screening based on age, health, and other risk factors; 37

(2) For examinations and laboratory tests that are 38
recommended by, and performed in accordance with, the most 39
recently published American cancer society guidelines; 40

(3) Subject to the same terms and conditions, including 41
copayment charges, that apply to similar benefits provided under 42
the policy or plan. 43

(C) This section does not apply to any policy that provides 44
coverage for specific diseases or accidents only, or to any 45
hospital indemnity, medicare supplement, or other policy that 46
offers supplemental benefits. 47

Sec. 5111.026. (A) The provision of medical assistance under 48
this chapter shall include an offer of coverage of expenses for 49
examinations and laboratory tests for prostate cancer. 50

(B) If the medical assistance program provides benefits under 51
division (A) of this section, the benefits shall be provided: 52

(1) To any nonsymptomatic individual for whom the most 53
recently published American cancer society guidelines recommend 54
screening based on age, health, and other risk factors; 55

(2) For examinations and laboratory tests that are 56
recommended by, and performed in accordance with, the most 57
recently published American cancer society guidelines; 58

(3) Subject to the same terms and conditions, including 59
copayment charges, that apply to similar benefits provided under 60
the policy, contract, or agreement. 61

Section 2. Section 1751.69 of the Revised Code, as enacted by 62
this act, shall apply only to policies, contracts, and agreements 63
that are delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state 64
on or after the effective date of this act. Section 3923.90 of the 65
Revised Code, as enacted by this act, shall apply to policies of 66
sickness and accident insurance on or after the effective date of 67
this act in accordance with section 3923.01 of the Revised Code 68
and to public employee benefit plans that are established or 69
modified in this state on or after the effective date of this act. 70