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### **An Act to Improve Breast Health Care by Providing Coverage for Genetic Counseling and Testing**

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Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston and  
Senator: INGWERSEN of York, Representatives: STOVER of Boothbay, WHITE of  
Waterville.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§22**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 605, §3, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **22. Title 24-A, section 4320-M.** Coverage for abortion services, Title 24-A, section  
5 4320-M; ~~and~~

6 **Sec. 2. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§23**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 605, §4, is amended  
7 to read:

8 **23. Title 24-A, sections 2766-A and 2847-W.** The prohibition on a dental benefit  
9 waiting period for persons under 19 years of age, Title 24-A, sections 2766-A and 2847-W;  
10 and

11 **Sec. 3. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§24** is enacted to read:

12 **24. Title 24-A, sections 2745-H and 2837-I.** Coverage for BRCA-related genetic  
13 counseling and BRCA-related genetic testing, Title 24-A, sections 2745-H and 2837-I.

14 **Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2745-H** is enacted to read:

15 **§2745-H. Coverage for BRCA-related genetic counseling and testing**

16 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
17 following terms have the following meanings.

18 A. "BRCA-related genetic counseling" means the provision of services to individuals,  
19 couples, families and organizations by one or more appropriately trained individuals to  
20 address the physical and psychological issues associated with the occurrence or risk of  
21 occurrence of BRCA-related cancers in an individual or family.

22 B. "BRCA-related genetic testing" means all genetic laboratory testing of the BRCA1  
23 and BRCA2 genes for individuals assessed to be at an increased risk for developing  
24 BRCA-related cancers, recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the  
25 most recently published BRCA-related cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer  
26 society.

27 **2. Required coverage.** All individual health policies must provide coverage for  
28 BRCA-related genetic counseling and BRCA-related genetic testing for individuals who  
29 are at increased risk for developing BRCA-related cancers according to the most recently  
30 published BRCA-related genetic counseling and BRCA-related genetic testing guidelines  
31 of a national cancer society.

32 **3. Prohibition of cost-sharing.** An insurer may not impose a deductible, copayment,  
33 coinsurance or other cost-sharing requirement for the costs of BRCA-related genetic testing  
34 or BRCA-related genetic counseling.

35 **Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §2837-I** is enacted to read:

36 **§2837-I. Coverage for BRCA-related genetic counseling and testing**

37 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
38 following terms have the following meanings.

39 A. "BRCA-related genetic counseling" means the provision of services to individuals,  
40 couples, families and organizations by one or more appropriately trained individuals to

1 address the physical and psychological issues associated with the occurrence or risk of  
2 occurrence of BRCA-related cancers in an individual or family.

3 B. "BRCA-related genetic testing" means all genetic laboratory testing of the BRCA1  
4 and BRCA2 genes for individuals assessed to be at an increased risk for developing  
5 BRCA-related cancers, recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the  
6 most recently published BRCA-related cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer  
7 society.

8 **2. Required coverage.** All group health policies must provide coverage for BRCA-  
9 related genetic counseling and BRCA-related genetic testing for individuals who are at  
10 increased risk for developing BRCA-related cancers according to the most recently  
11 published BRCA-related genetic counseling and BRCA-related genetic testing guidelines  
12 of a national cancer society.

13 **3. Prohibition of cost-sharing.** An insurer may not impose a deductible, copayment,  
14 coinsurance or other cost-sharing requirement for the costs of BRCA-related genetic testing  
15 or BRCA-related genetic counseling.

16 **Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §4237-B** is enacted to read:

17 **§4237-B. Coverage for BRCA-related genetic counseling and testing**

18 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
19 following terms have the following meanings.

20 A. "BRCA-related genetic counseling" means the provision of services to individuals,  
21 couples, families and organizations by one or more appropriately trained individuals to  
22 address the physical and psychological issues associated with the occurrence or risk of  
23 occurrence of BRCA-related cancers in an individual or family.

24 B. "BRCA-related genetic testing" means all genetic laboratory testing of the BRCA1  
25 and BRCA2 genes for individuals assessed to be at an increased risk for developing  
26 BRCA-related cancers, recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the  
27 most recently published BRCA-related cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer  
28 society.

29 **2. Required coverage.** All individual and group health maintenance organization  
30 policies and contracts must provide coverage for BRCA-related genetic counseling and  
31 BRCA-related genetic testing for individuals who are at increased risk for developing  
32 BRCA-related cancers according to the most recently published BRCA-related genetic  
33 counseling and BRCA-related genetic testing guidelines of a national cancer society.

34 **3. Prohibition of cost-sharing.** A health maintenance organization may not impose a  
35 deductible, copayment, coinsurance or other cost-sharing requirement for the costs of  
36 BRCA-related genetic testing or BRCA-related genetic counseling.

37 **Sec. 7. Application.** This Act applies to all policies, contracts and certificates  
38 executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after  
39 January 1, 2024. For purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later  
40 than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

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## **SUMMARY**

This bill requires that individual and group health insurance policies provide coverage for BRCA-related genetic counseling and BRCA-related genetic testing for individuals who are at increased risk for developing BRCA-related cancers. The requirements apply to insurance policies beginning on January 1, 2024.