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An Act To Reduce Colorectal Cancer Incidence and Mortality by Updating Screening Coverage

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2763, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §2 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

1. Colorectal cancer screening. For the purposes of this section, "colorectal cancer screening" means ~~a~~all colorectal cancer ~~examination~~examinations and laboratory ~~test~~tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2763, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §2 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

A. ~~Fifty years of age or older~~At average risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society; or

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2763, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §2 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

B. ~~Less than 50 years of age and at~~At high risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2847-N, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §3 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

1. Colorectal cancer screening. For the purposes of this section, "colorectal cancer screening" means ~~a~~all colorectal cancer ~~examination~~examinations and laboratory ~~test~~tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §2847-N, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §3 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

A. ~~Fifty years of age or older~~At average risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society; or

Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §2847-N, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §3 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

B. ~~Less than 50 years of age and at~~At high risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

Sec. 7. 24-A MRSA §4254, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §4 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

1. Colorectal cancer screening. For the purposes of this section, "colorectal cancer screening" means ~~a~~all colorectal cancer ~~examination~~examinations and laboratory ~~test~~tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

Sec. 8. 24-A MRSA §4254, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §4 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

~~A. Fifty years of age or older~~At average risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society; or

Sec. 9. 24-A MRSA §4254, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 516, §4 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

~~B. Less than 50 years of age and at~~At high risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.

SUMMARY

This bill removes references to the age of the patient for purposes of requiring coverage for colorectal cancer screening for asymptomatic individuals who are at average risk for colorectal cancer and instead requires coverage in accordance with the most recently published guidelines of a national cancer society. In addition, this bill requires coverage of all colorectal examinations and laboratory tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with those published guidelines.