

To: Members of the Senate Health Committee

Fr: Monica Hueckel, Senior Director of Government Relations, Ohio State Medical Association

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Re: HB 371

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On behalf of the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA), the state's oldest and largest professional organization representing Ohio physicians, medical residents, and medical students, I write today to express our support for House Bill 371.

HB 371 would require digital breast tomosynthesis and any supplemental breast cancer screening deemed medically necessary by a treating health care provider for proper breast cancer screening (in accordance with applicable American College of Radiology guidelines, including magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasound, or molecular breast imaging) to be included as part of covered mammography screening benefits.

Additionally, under existing law, how often screening mammography must be covered by the Medicaid program and the foregoing insurers depends on the woman's age and risk factors for breast cancer. HB 371 would require coverage of one screening mammography every year, including digital breast tomosynthesis, regardless of the woman's age or risk factors. Further, the bill expands the current law insurance reimbursement limits pertaining to screening mammography to also apply to supplemental breast cancer screening.

OSMA members are among the many Ohio health care providers that frequently perform screening mammography. Our members recognize that it is critical to secure required insurance coverage of additional screenings which could potentially increase cancer detection rates and minimize patient anxiety. These screenings have the potential to save both the insurer and patient from the additional expenses, hassles, and stresses of further imaging and care. Additionally, it could save the lives of Ohio patients. Early detection and treatment can make a significant difference in patient outcomes.

OSMA encourages the committee to support HB 371. As always, we appreciate the opportunity to be meaningful contributors to the legislative process. Please contact us with any questions you may have.