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A BILL

To enact section 3902.64 of the Revised Code to 1
require health insurers to cover preventive 2
screenings for certain men at high-risk for 3
developing prostate cancer. 4

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

Section 1. That section 3902.64 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 3902.64. (A) As used in this section: 7

(1) "Family history of prostate cancer" means that a 8
first-degree relative of a covered person was diagnosed with, 9
developed, or died as a result of prostate cancer. 10

(2) "First-degree relative" means a biological parent, 11
full biological sibling, or biological child. 12

(3) "Prostate cancer screening" means any evidence-based 13
preventive care or screening procedure performed for the purpose 14
of identifying prostate cancer, including prostate-specific 15

antigen tests and digital rectal examination. 16

(B) Notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the Revised Code, a 17
health benefit plan issued, renewed, or modified in this state 18
on or after the effective date of this section shall provide 19
coverage for all expenses associated with prostate cancer 20
screenings for covered persons who are male, at least forty 21
years of age, and are at high risk of developing prostate cancer 22
based on one or both of the following factors: 23

(1) Diagnosis of the covered person or a first-degree 24
relative with a genetic alteration or cancer associated with 25
increased risk of prostate cancer; 26

(2) A family history of prostate cancer. 27

(C) No health benefit plan issued, renewed, or modified in 28
this state on or after the effective date of this section shall 29
impose a cost-sharing requirement for the coverage required by 30
division (B) of this section. 31

(D) The superintendent of insurance shall adopt rules in 32
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for the 33
purposes of implementing and administering this section, 34
including rules that specify both of the following: 35

(1) The types of prostate-specific antigen tests for which 36
coverage is required by this section; 37

(2) The interval between prostate cancer screenings 38
covered in accordance with this section, which shall not be 39
greater than one year. 40