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H.B. No. 1036

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to coverage for certain breast cancer screening procedures under certain health benefit plans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 1356, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 1356. ~~[LOW-DOSE]~~ MAMMOGRAPHY

SECTION 2. Section 1356.001, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1356.001. DEFINITIONS ~~[DEFINITION]~~. In this chapter:

(1) "Breast tomosynthesis" means a radiologic procedure that involves the acquisition of projection images over a stationary breast to produce cross-sectional digital three-dimensional images of the breast.

(2) "Low-dose~~[,—"low-dose]~~ mammography" means the x-ray examination of the breast using equipment dedicated specifically for mammography, including an x-ray tube, filter, compression device, and screens, ~~[films, and cassettes,~~ with an average radiation exposure delivery of less than one rad mid-breast, with two views for each breast, digital mammography, or breast tomosynthesis.

SECTION 3. Section 1356.005(a), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A health benefit plan that provides coverage to a female

1 who is 35 years of age or older must include coverage for an annual
2 screening by all forms of low-dose mammography for the presence of
3 occult breast cancer.

4 SECTION 4. Sections 1356.001 and 1356.005, Insurance Code,
5 as amended by this Act, apply only to a health benefit plan that is
6 delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1,
7 2018. A plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before
8 January 1, 2018, is governed by the law as it existed immediately
9 before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in
10 effect for that purpose.

11 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.