A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

Current law requires health insurance carriers (carriers) to provide preventive health insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screenings in accordance with U.S. preventive services task force guidelines. The bill requires carriers to instead provide coverage for colorectal cancer screenings in accordance with American Cancer Society guidelines. The coverage must include coverage for a colonoscopy or other medical test
or procedure for colorectal cancer screening and a follow-up colonoscopy, if necessary, and coverage for high-risk individuals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-104, amend (18)(b)(V) as follows:

10-16-104. Mandatory coverage provisions - definitions - rules. (18) Preventive health care services (b) The coverage required by this subsection (18) must include preventive health care services for the following, in accordance with the A or B recommendations of the task force for the particular preventive health care service:

(V) (A) Colorectal cancer screening coverage for tests for the early detection of colorectal cancer and adenomatous polyps; EXCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE A OR B RECOMMENDATION OF THE TASK FORCE, THE COVERAGE MUST INCLUDE COVERED PERSONS WHO ARE FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

(B) In addition to covered persons eligible for colorectal cancer screening coverage in accordance with A or B recommendations of the task force, colorectal cancer screening coverage required by this subparagraph (V) shall also be provided: To covered persons who are at high risk for colorectal cancer, including covered persons who have a family medical history of colorectal cancer; a prior occurrence of cancer or precursor neoplastic polyp; a prior occurrence of a chronic digestive disease condition such as inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease, or ulcerative colitis; or other predisposing factors as determined by the provider; AND FOR A FOLLOW-UP COLONOSCOPY IF THE RESULTS OF A NONINVASIVE TEST FOR THE EARLY DETECTION OF COLORECTAL CANCER AND ADENOMATOUS POLYPS IS ABNORMAL.
SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.