

SENATE BILL NO. 222

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 2/8/24

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to insurance; relating to mammograms; and providing for an effective
2 date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 21.42.375(e) is amended to read:

5 (e) In this section,

6 **(1) "diagnostic breast examination" means an examination of the**
7 **breast using contrast-enhanced mammography, diagnostic mammography,**
8 **breast magnetic resonance imaging, breast ultrasound, or other equipment**
9 **dedicated specifically for mammography conducted to evaluate an abnormality**

10 **(A) detected or suspected in a screening examination for**
11 **breast cancer; or**

12 **(B) detected by another means of examination;**

13 **(2) "low-dose mammography screening" and "mammogram" mean the**
14 **X-ray examination of the breast using equipment dedicated specifically for**

mammography, including the X-ray tube, filter, compression device, screens, films, and cassettes, with an average radiation exposure delivery of less than one rad mid-breast, with two views for each breast;

(3) "supplemental breast examination" means an examination of the breast using contrast-enhanced mammography, diagnostic mammography, breast magnetic resonance imaging, breast ultrasound, or other equipment dedicated specifically for mammography conducted based on

(A) the insured's personal or family medical history of breast cancer; or

(B) other factors that may increase the insured's risk of breast cancer.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 21.42.375 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(f) Except as necessary to qualify a plan as a high deductible health plan eligible for a health savings account tax deduction under 26 U.S.C. 223 (Internal Revenue Code), a health care insurer that offers, issues, delivers, or renews a health care insurance plan in the individual or group market in the state that provides coverage for mammography screening, diagnostic breast examinations, and supplemental breast examinations may not impose cost sharing, a deductible, coinsurance, a copayment obligation, or another similar out-of-pocket expense on an insured for coverage of a low-dose mammography screening, diagnostic breast examination, or supplemental breast examination.

* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

APPLICABILITY. AS 21.42.375(e), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, and AS 21.42.375(f), added by sec. 2 of this Act, apply to an insurance policy or contract issued, delivered, or renewed on or after the effective date of secs. 1 and 2 of this Act.

* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The director of the division of insurance may adopt regulations necessary to implement this Act. The regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the law implemented by

1 the regulation.

2 * **Sec. 5.** Section 4 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

3 * **Sec. 6.** Except as provided in sec. 5 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1, 2025.