

1 AN ACT concerning insurance.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 356x as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 5/356x)

7 Sec. 356x. Coverage for colorectal cancer examination  
8 and screening.

9 (a) An individual or group policy of accident and health  
10 insurance or a managed care plan that is amended, delivered,  
11 issued, or renewed on or after the effective date of this  
12 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly that provides  
13 coverage to a resident of this State must provide benefits or  
14 coverage for all colorectal cancer examinations and  
15 laboratory tests for colorectal cancer as prescribed by a  
16 physician, in accordance with the published American Cancer  
17 Society guidelines on colorectal cancer screening or other  
18 existing colorectal cancer screening guidelines issued by  
19 nationally recognized professional medical societies or  
20 federal government agencies, including the National Cancer  
21 Institute, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
22 and the American College of Gastroenterology.

23 (b) Coverage required under this Section may not impose  
24 any deductible, coinsurance, waiting period, or other  
25 cost-sharing limitation that is greater than that required  
26 for other coverage under the policy. An-insurer-shall-provide  
27 in--each--group--policy,--contract,--or--certificate--of--accident  
28 and--health--insurance--amended,--delivered,--issued,--or--renewed  
29 covering--persons--who--are--residents--of--this--State--coverage--for  
30 colorectal--cancer--screening--with--sigmoidoscopy--or--fecal  
31 occult--blood--testing--once--every--3--years--for--persons--who--are

1 at-least-50-years-old.

2 (b)--For-persons-who-may-be-classified-as-high--risk--for  
3 colorectal-cancer-because-the-person-or-a-first-degree-family  
4 member--of-the-person-has-a-history-of-colorectal-cancer, the  
5 coverage-required-under-subsection-(a)-shall-apply-to-persons  
6 who-have-attained-at-least-30-years-of-age.

7 (c)--This--Section--does---not---apply---to---agreements,  
8 contracts,--or-policies-that-provide-coverage-for-a-specified  
9 disease-or-other-limited-benefit-coverage.

10 (Source: P.A. 90-741, eff. 1-1-99.)

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on  
12 January 1, 2004.