



HOUSE BILL 703: Breast Cancer Diagnostic Imaging Parity.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 703 would require health benefit plans to cover diagnostic procedures for breast cancer to be covered on the same terms as pre-diagnosis screening exams for breast cancer.*

CURRENT LAW: Under current law, health benefit plans must provide coverage for low-dose mammograms to screen for breast cancer.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 703 would require that health benefit plans have cost-sharing requirements for breast cancer diagnostic exams that are not less favorable than the cost-sharing requirements for pre-diagnosis breast cancer screening exams. This bill would recodify G.S. 58-51-57 as 58-3-271 and add definitions for "breast magnetic resonance imaging," "breast ultrasound," "cost-sharing requirement," "diagnostic examination for breast cancer," "low-dose mammography," and "screening of early detection of cervical cancer." It would also repeal G.S. 58-65-92 and G.S. 58-67-76 and make other conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective October 1, 2021, and apply to insurance contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

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