

AN ACT concerning insurance.

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

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

(215 ILCS 5/356x)

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

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

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

at-least-50-years-old.

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

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

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

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