

House Bill 1100

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to general provisions regarding insurance generally, so as to require health benefit  
3 policy coverage for colorectal cancer screening; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 general provisions regarding insurance generally, is amended by adding after Code Section  
9 33-24-56.2 a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "33-24-56.3.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

12 (1) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for  
13 health care services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, executed, or renewed by an  
14 insurer in this state on or after July 1, 2002, including, but not limited to, those contracts  
15 executed by the Department of Community Health pursuant to paragraph (1) of  
16 subsection (f) of Code Section 31-5A-4.

17 (2) 'Insurer' means any person, corporation, or other entity authorized to provide health  
18 benefit policies under this title.

19 (b) Every health benefit policy shall provide coverage for colorectal cancer screening,  
20 examinations, and laboratory tests in accordance with the most recently published  
21 guidelines and recommendations established by the American College of Gastroenterology,  
22 in consultation with the American Cancer Society and the American College of Radiology,  
23 for the ages, family histories, and frequencies referenced in such guidelines and  
24 recommendations and deemed appropriate by the attending physician after conferring with  
25 the patient.

1 (c) The benefits provided in this Code section shall be subject to the same annual  
2 deductibles or coinsurance established for all other covered benefits within a given health  
3 benefit policy."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.