

215 ILCS 5/356g.5. Clinical Breast Exam

Sec. 356g.5. Clinical breast exam.

(a) The General Assembly finds that clinical breast examinations are a critical tool in the early detection of breast cancer, while the disease is in its earlier and potentially more treatable stages. Insurer reimbursement of clinical breast examinations is essential to the effort to reduce breast cancer deaths in Illinois.

(b) Every insurer shall provide, in each group or individual policy, contract, or certificate of accident or health insurance issued or renewed for persons who are residents of Illinois, coverage for complete and thorough clinical breast examinations as indicated by guidelines of practice, performed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, an advanced practice nurse who has a collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician that authorizes breast examinations, or a physician assistant who has been delegated authority to provide breast examinations, to check for lumps and other changes for the purpose of early detection and prevention of breast cancer as follows:

- (1) at least every 3 years for women at least 20 years of age but less than 40 years of age; and
- (2) annually for women 40 years of age or older.

(c) Upon approval of a nationally recognized separate and distinct clinical breast exam code that is compliant with all

State and federal laws, rules, and regulations, public and private insurance plans shall take action to cover clinical breast exams on a separate and distinct basis.

215 ILCS 125/4-6.5

Sec. 4-6.5. Required health benefits; Illinois Insurance Code requirements.

A health maintenance organization is subject to the provisions of Sections 155.37, 356g.5, 356t, 356u, and 356z.1 of the Illinois Insurance Code.

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Sec. 10. Application of Insurance Code provisions.

Health services plan corporations and all persons interested therein or dealing therewith shall be subject to the provisions of Articles IIA and XII 1/2 and Sections 3.1, 133, 140, 143, 143c, 149, 155.37, 354, 355.2, 356g.5, 356r, 356t, 356u, 356v, 356w, 356x, 356y,

356z.1, 356z.2, 356z.4, 356z.5, 356z.6, 364.01, 367.2, 368a, 401, 401.1, 402, 403, 403A, 408, 408.2, and 412, and paragraphs (7) and (15) of Section 367 of the Illinois Insurance Code.

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