AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, relative to coverage for breast examinations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2502, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Breast tomosynthesis" means a radiologic mammography procedure that involves the acquisition of projection images over a stationary breast to produce cross-sectional digital three-dimensional images of the breast from which applicable breast cancer screening diagnoses may be determined;

(2) "Diagnostic imaging" means an imaging examination using mammography, ultrasound imaging, or magnetic resonance imaging that is designed to evaluate:

(A) A subjective or objective abnormality detected by a physician or patient in a breast;

(B) An abnormality seen by a physician on a screening mammogram; or

(C) An abnormality previously identified by a physician as likely benign in a breast for which follow-up imaging is recommended by a physician;

(3) "Health benefit plan":


(A) Means a hospital or medical expense policy; health, hospital, or medical service corporation contract; policy or agreement entered into by a health insurer; or health maintenance organization contract offered by an employer; and

(B) Does not include policies or certificates covering only accident, credit, dental, disability income, long-term care, hospital indemnity, medicare supplement as defined in § 1882(g)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1395ss(g)(1)), specified disease, or vision care; other limited benefit health insurance; coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance; workers’ compensation insurance; automobile medical payment insurance; or insurance that is statutorily required to be contained in any liability insurance policy or equivalent self insurance;

(4) "Low-dose mammography" means:

(A) An x-ray examination of the breast using equipment dedicated specifically for mammography, including an x-ray tube, filter, compression device, and screen, with an average radiation exposure delivery of less than one (1) rad per mid-breast and with two (2) views for each breast;

(B) Digital mammography; or

(C) Breast tomosynthesis; and

(5) "Supplemental breast screening" means a medically necessary and appropriate examination of the breast, including breast magnetic resonance imaging or breast ultrasound that is:

(A) Used to screen for breast cancer when there is no abnormality seen or suspected; and
(B) Based on personal family medical history, dense breast tissue, or additional factors that may increase the individual’s risk of breast cancer.

(b) A health benefit plan that provides coverage to a patient who is thirty-five (35) years of age or older must include coverage for an annual screening by all forms of low-dose mammography for the presence of breast cancer.

(c) A health benefit plan that provides coverage for a screening mammogram must provide coverage for diagnostic imaging and supplemental breast screening.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.