

**CHAPTER 10****( SB 61 )**

AN ACT relating to removing barriers to colorectal cancer screening.

***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. KRS 304.17A-257 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) A health benefit plan issued or renewed on or after ***the effective date of this Act***~~January 1, 2009~~, shall provide coverage for all colorectal cancer examinations and laboratory tests specified in current American Cancer Society guidelines for ***complete*** colorectal cancer screening of asymptomatic individuals as follows:
  - (a) Coverage or benefits shall be provided for all colorectal screening examinations and tests that are administered at a frequency identified in the most recent version of the American Cancer Society guidelines for ***complete*** colorectal cancer screening; and
  - (b) The covered individual shall be:
    1. Fifty (50) years of age or older; or
    2. Less than fifty (50) years of age and at high risk for colorectal cancer according to current colorectal cancer screening guidelines of the American Cancer Society.
- (2) Coverage under this section shall not be subject to a ~~separate~~ deductible or ~~separate~~ coinsurance ***for services received from participating providers*** ~~but may be subject to the same deductible or coinsurance established for other laboratory testing~~ under the health benefit plan.

➔Section 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.

**Signed by Governor March 19, 2015.**