

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. (1) Any cost-savings demonstration projects provided for the state employee health plan shall:

(a) Center on process improvement and patient empowerment with door-to-door engagement through use of interactive technology, known as telehealth, to capture the potential for improved medical outcomes at reduced cost;

(b) Include established patients who have, within twenty-four (24) months of telehealth services, visited established providers and maintained a clinical relationship

with a qualified health professional licensed in Kentucky through an in-office and in-person evaluation, including a medical history and a physical examination;

(c) Not increase premiums nor reduce benefits; and

(d) Be a proof of concept to confirm the ability to capture an annualized savings of up to ten percent (10%).

(2) The cabinet shall enter into an agreement with one (1) or both of the university teaching hospitals in the Commonwealth to leverage the substantial return on investment of the demonstration projects.

(3) The demonstration projects shall be implemented as provided in this section under the contracts used for the purpose of administering the state employee health plan.

(4) The demonstration projects shall:

(a) Be based on a competitive procurement process through a formal request for information; and

(b) Be completed with a report regarding the proof of concept submitted to the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee and the cabinet by December 1, 2015.

(5) If the proof of concept demonstrates an annual savings, the cabinet shall implement the final project on a larger scale. If implemented, the large scale project shall be awarded via a formal request for proposal process under KRS Chapter 45A to capture the mandated annualized savings of up to ten percent (10%) in the state employee health plan. The cost of implementing a large scale project shall be paid via a shared savings model wherein the contractor shall be compensated by a percentage of the savings captured by the project.

➔Section 3. (1) Any cost savings demonstration projects provided for the state Medicaid plan shall:

(a) Center on process improvement and patient empowerment with door-to-door engagement via use of interactive technology, known as telehealth, to capture the

potential for improved medical outcomes at reduced cost;

(b) Include established patients who have, within twenty-four (24) months of the telehealth services, visited established providers and maintained a clinical relationship with a qualified health professional licensed in Kentucky through an in-office and in-person evaluation, including a medical history and a physical examination;

(c) Not increase premiums nor reduce benefits; and

(d) Be a proof of concept to confirm the ability to capture an annualized savings of up to five percent (5%).

(2) The cabinet shall enter into an agreement with one (1) or both of the university teaching hospitals in the Commonwealth to leverage the substantial return on investment of the demonstration projects.

(3) The demonstration projects shall be implemented as provided in this section under the contracts used for the purpose of administering the state Medicaid plan.

(4) The demonstration projects shall:

(a) Be based on a competitive procurement process through a formal request for information; and

(b) Be completed with a report regarding the proof of concept submitted to the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee and the cabinet by December 1, 2015.

(5) If the proof of concept demonstrates an annual savings, the cabinet shall implement the final project on a larger scale. If implemented, the large scale project shall be awarded through a formal request for proposal process under KRS Chapter 45A to capture the mandated annualized savings of up to five percent (5%) in the state Medicaid plan. The cost of implementing a large scale project shall be paid via a shared savings model wherein the contractor shall be compensated by a percentage of the savings captured by the project.

➔Section 4. Section 1 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2016.