

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 374**

Ordered by the Senate April 12  
Including Senate Amendments dated April 12

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY, Representative GARRARD; Senator MORRISETTE

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Requires periodic colorectal examinations to be provided under health insurance policies.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to health insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screenings; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2005 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 743.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) An insurer offering a health insurance policy that covers hospital, med-**  
6 **ical or surgical expenses, other than coverage limited to expenses from accidents or specific**  
7 **diseases, shall provide coverage for the following colorectal cancer screening examinations**  
8 **and laboratory tests:**

9 (a) **For an insured 50 years of age or older:**

10 (A) **One fecal occult blood test per year plus one flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years;**

11 (B) **One colonoscopy every 10 years; or**

12 (C) **One double contrast barium enema every five years.**

13 (b) **For an insured who is at high risk for colorectal cancer, colorectal cancer screening**  
14 **examinations and laboratory tests as recommended by the treating physician.**

15 (2) **For the purposes of subsection (1)(b) of this section, an individual is at high risk for**  
16 **colorectal cancer if the individual has:**

17 (a) **A family medical history of colorectal cancer;**

18 (b) **A prior occurrence of cancer or precursor neoplastic polyps;**

19 (c) **A prior occurrence of a chronic digestive disease condition such as inflammatory**  
20 **bowel disease, Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis; or**

21 (d) **Other predisposing factors.**

22 (3) **Health care service contractors, as defined in ORS 750.005, and trusts carrying out a**  
23 **multiple employer welfare arrangement, as defined in ORS 750.301, are subject to this sec-**  
24 **tion.**

25 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2005 Act applies to health insurance policies issued or re-**  
26 **newed on or after the effective date of this 2005 Act.**

27 **SECTION 4. This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
28 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **on its passage.**

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