

Committee on Banking and Insurance

CS/HB 241 — Coverage for Skin Cancer Screenings

by Select Committee on Health Innovation and Reps. Massullo, Payne, and others (CS/SB 56 by Banking and Insurance Committee and Senator Harrell)

The bill requires all contracted state group health insurance plans and health maintenance organizations (HMO) to cover and pay for annual skin cancer screenings performed by a Florida licensed dermatologist. The bill prohibits a state group health insurance plan or HMO from imposing any cost-sharing requirement for the annual skin cancer screening, including a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or any other type of cost-sharing. The provider conducting the screening must be a dermatologist licensed as a medical doctor under ch. 458, F.S., or an osteopathic physician licensed under ch. 459, F.S., or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under ch. 464, F.S., who is under the supervision of a dermatologist licensed under ch. 458 F.S. or ch. 459 F.S.

The bill requires payment for such annual skin cancer screenings to be consistent with the state group health insurance plan's or HMO's payments for other preventive screenings. Additionally, the bill prohibits all contracted state group health insurance plans or HMOs from bundling a payment for a skin cancer screening with any other procedure or service, including an evaluation or management visit, which is performed during the same office visit or subsequent office visit.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 31-0; House 114-0