

SENATE BILL No. 253

By Senator Schodorf

12-27

1 AN ACT requiring communication of mammographic breast density
2 information to patients; amending K.S.A. 40-2230 and repealing the
3 existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 40-2230 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-
7 2230. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of any policy, provision, contract,
8 plan or agreement to which this act applies, whenever reimbursement or
9 indemnity for laboratory or x-ray services are covered, reimbursement or
10 indemnification shall not be denied for mammograms or pap smears when
11 performed at the direction of a person licensed to practice medicine and
12 surgery by the board of healing arts within the lawful scope of such
13 person's license, including services performed at a mobile facility certified
14 by the federal health care financing administration and performing
15 mammography testing by American cancer society guidelines. A policy,
16 provision, contract, plan or agreement may apply to mammograms or pap
17 smears the same deductibles, coinsurance and other limitations as ~~apply~~
18 *are applied* to other covered services.

19 (b) *On and after the effective date of this act, each policy, provision,*
20 *contract plan or agreement which provides coverage required by*
21 *subsection (a) also shall provide that each mammography report provided*
22 *to a patient shall include information about breast density. Where*
23 *applicable, such report shall include the following notice:*

24 *"If your mammogram demonstrates that you have dense breast tissue,*
25 *which could hide small abnormalities, you might benefit from*
26 *supplementary screening tests, which can include a breast ultrasound*
27 *screening or a breast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) examination, or*
28 *both, depending on your individual risk factors. A report of your*
29 *mammography results, which contains information about your breast*
30 *density, has been sent to your physician's office and you should contact*
31 *your physician if you have any questions or concerns about this report."*

32 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 40-2230 is hereby repealed.

33 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
34 publication in the statute book.
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