

# HOUSE BILL 182

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Coverage for Breast Cancer Screening – American Cancer**  
3 **Society Guidelines**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and  
5 health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for breast cancer  
6 screening in accordance with certain screening guidelines existing on a certain  
7 date; and generally relating to insurance coverage for breast cancer screening.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Insurance  
10 Section 15–814  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Insurance**

16 15–814.

17 (a) This section applies to:

18 (1) insurers and nonprofit health service plans that provide hospital,  
19 medical, or surgical benefits to individuals or groups on an expense–incurred basis  
20 under health insurance policies or contracts that are issued or delivered in the State;  
21 and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (2) health maintenance organizations that provide hospital, medical,  
2 or surgical benefits to individuals or groups under contracts that are issued or  
3 delivered in the State.

4           (b) An entity subject to this section shall provide coverage for breast cancer  
5 screening in accordance with the [latest] screening guidelines [issued by] **OF** the  
6 American Cancer Society, **AS THE SCREENING GUIDELINES EXISTED ON JANUARY**  
7 **1, 2010.**

8           (c) An entity subject to this section is not required to cover breast cancer  
9 screenings used to identify breast cancer in asymptomatic women that are provided by  
10 a facility that is not accredited by the American College of Radiology or certified or  
11 licensed under a program established by the State.

12           (d) (1) An entity subject to this section may not impose a deductible on  
13 the coverage required under this section.

14           (2) Each health insurance policy and certificate issued by an entity  
15 subject to this section shall contain a notice of the prohibition established by  
16 paragraph (1) of this subsection in a form approved by the Commissioner.

17           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 June 1, 2010.