

§ 1367.54. California Prenatal Screening Program

(a) Every group health care service plan contract that provides maternity benefits, except for a specialized health care service plan contract, that is issued, amended, renewed, or delivered on or after January 1, 1999, and every individual health care service plan contract of a type and form first offered for sale on or after January 1, 1999, that provides maternity benefits, except a specialized health care service plan contract, shall provide coverage for participation in the California Prenatal Screening Program, which is a statewide prenatal testing program administered by the State Department of Public Health, pursuant to Section 124977. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a health care service plan that provides maternity benefits shall not require participation in the statewide prenatal testing program administered by the State Department of Public Health as a prerequisite to eligibility for, or receipt of, any other service.

(b) Coverage required by this section shall not be subject to copayment, coinsurance, deductible, or any other form of cost sharing.

(c) Reimbursement for services covered pursuant to this section shall be

paid at the amount set pursuant to Section 124977 and regulations adopted thereunder.

HISTORY:

Added Stats 1998 ch 1064 § 1 (AB 2438).

Amended Stats 2015 ch 18 § 7 (SB 75), effective June 24, 2015.

§ 1367.6. Coverage for breast cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment; Denial of enrollment or coverage on grounds related to breast cancer; Prosthetic devices or reconstructive surgery

(a) Every health care service plan contract, except a specialized health care service plan contract, that is issued, amended, delivered, or renewed on or after January 1, 2000, shall provide coverage for screening for, diagnosis of, and treatment for, breast cancer.

(b) No health care service plan contract shall deny enrollment or coverage to an individual solely due to a family history of breast cancer, or who has had one or more diagnostic procedures for breast disease but has not developed or been diagnosed with breast cancer.

(c) Every health care service plan contract shall cover screening and diagnosis of breast cancer, consistent with generally accepted medical practice and scientific evidence, upon the referral of the enrollee's participating physician.

(d) Treatment for breast cancer under this section shall include coverage for prosthetic devices or reconstructive surgery to restore and achieve symmetry for the patient incident to a mastectomy. Coverage for prosthetic devices and reconstructive surgery shall be subject to the copayment, or deductible and coinsurance conditions, that are applicable to the mastectomy and all other terms and conditions applicable to other benefits.

(e) As used in this section, "mastectomy" means the removal of all or part of the breast for medically necessary reasons, as determined by a licensed physician and surgeon. Partial removal of a breast includes, but is not limited to, lumpectomy, which includes surgical removal of the tumor with clear margins.

(f) As used in this section, "prosthetic devices" means the provision of initial and subsequent devices pursuant to an order of the patient's physician and surgeon.

HISTORY:

Added Stats 1999 ch 537 § 2 (SB 5). Amended

Stats 2012 ch 449 § 2 (SB 255), effective January 1, 2013.

§ 1367.61. Coverage for prosthetic devices to restore method of speaking incident to laryngectomy

Every health care service plan contract which provides for the surgical procedure known as a laryngectomy and which is issued, amended, delivered, or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 1993, shall include coverage for prosthetic devices to restore a method of speaking for the patient incident to the laryngectomy.

Coverage for prosthetic devices shall be subject to the deductible and coinsurance conditions applied to the laryngectomy and all other terms and conditions applicable to other benefits. As used in this section, "laryngectomy"

means the removal of all or part of the larynx for medically necessary reasons, as determined by a licensed physician and surgeon.

Any provision in any contract issued, amended, delivered, or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 1993, which is in conflict with this section shall be of no force or effect.

As used in this section, “prosthetic devices” means and includes the provision of initial and subsequent prosthetic devices, including installation accessories, pursuant to an order of the patient’s physician and surgeon. “Prosthetic devices” does not include electronic voice producing machines.

HISTORY:

Added Stats 1992 ch 808 § 1 (SB 1597).