

February 13, 2001

**S 132. HEALTH INSURANCE/COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING. TO REQUIRE HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING.**

Amends GS Ch. 58 to add this new coverage to accident and health insurance policies (Art. 51), hospital and medical service plans (Art. 65), and HMO health plans (Art. 67). Requires coverage in accordance with American Cancer Society guidelines for screening of any nonsymptomatic covered individual who is at least 50 years old, or less than 50 years old and at high risk for colorectal cancer according to American Cancer Society guidelines. Requires notice and referral to nonparticipating providers if a participating provider is not available. Amends GS 58-50-155 to add colorectal

cancer exams and lab tests to the list of required standard and basic health care plan coverages. Not applicable to following kinds of insurance policies: specified accident, specified disease, hospital indemnity, or long-term care health. Effective January 1, 2002.

**Intro. by Carpenter, Martin of Guilford, Odom.**

Ref. to Insurance	GS 58
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**S 132. HEALTH INSURANCE/COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING.** Intro. 2/13/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. As introduced, colorectal cancer screening requirements applied to accident and health insurance and preferred provider benefit plans under GS Ch. 58 Art. 50 and 51, hospital service plans and medical service plans under Art. 65 and 66, health care plans written by health maintenance organizations under Art. 67, and the standard health plan approved under GS 58-50-125(c). Committee substitute makes these requirements applicable with respect to every *health benefit plan* as defined in GS 58-3-167 and to the standard health plan approved under GS 58-50-125(c). Deletes provision exempting specified accident, specified disease, hospital indemnity, and long-term care health insurance policies. Makes additional technical changes.

May 29, 2001

**SL 2001-116 (S 132). HEALTH INSURANCE/COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING. AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 2/13/01 and 3/14/01.

Enacted May 24, 2001. Effective January 1, 2002, and applies to all health benefit plans that are delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on and after that date..