

March 12, 2003

**S 388. UPDATE CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING COVERAGE.** *TO UPDATE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES IN RESPONSE TO RECENT MEDICAL ADVANCES IN SCREENING FOR THE EARLY DETECTION OF CERVICAL CANCER.* Amends GS 58-50-155(a)(1), 58-51-57(a), 58-65-92(a), 59-67-76(a) and GS 135-40.5(e) to replace all references to "pap smears" with references to "examinations and laboratory tests for screening for the early detection of cervical cancer." Further amends GS 58-51-57, 58-65-92 and 59-67-76 to provide that reimbursement for mammography and cervical cancer shall only be made to facilities that meet accreditation standard established by NC Medical Care Comm'n (was, provided that facilities could meet standards established by US Dep't of Health and Human Services until NC Comm'n standards were adopted) and to require that cervical cancer screening shall be in accordance with American Cancer Society guidelines. Also amends GS 135-40.5(e) to require that cervical cancer screening covered by the State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan shall be in accordance with ACS guidelines. Effective for all health benefit plans issued or renewed (including renewal upon anniversary date of policy) on or after Jan. 1, 2004.

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**S 388. UPDATE CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING COVERAGE.** Intro. 3/12/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. (1) To GS 58-51-57 adds new subsec. (a1) defining the phrase "examinations and laboratory tests for the screening for the early detection of cervical cancer" to mean "conventional PAP smear screening, liquid-based cytology, and human papilloma virus (HPV) detection methods for women with equivocal findings on cervical cytologic analysis." (2) Amends proposed new language in GS 58-51-57(e) to read "coverage for the screening for the early detection of cervical cancer shall be in accordance with the most recently published American Cancer Society guidelines or guidelines adopted by the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control." (3) To GS 58-65-92 adds new subsec. (a1) defining the phrase "examinations and laboratory tests for the screening for the early detection of cervical cancer" to mean "conventional PAP smear screening, liquid-based cytology, and human papilloma virus (HPV) detection methods for women with equivocal findings on cervical cytologic analysis." (4) Amends proposed new language in GS 58-65-92(e) to read "coverage for the screening for the early detection of cervical cancer shall be in accordance with the most recently published American Cancer Society guidelines or guidelines adopted by the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control." (5) To GS 59-67-76 adds new subsec. (a1) defining the phrase "examinations and laboratory tests for the screening for the early detection of cervical cancer" to mean "conventional PAP smear screening, liquid-based cytology, and human papilloma virus (HPV) detection methods for women with equivocal findings on cervical cytologic analysis." (6) Amends proposed new language in GS 59-67-76(e) to read "coverage for the screening for the early detection of cervical cancer shall be in accordance with the most recently published American Cancer Society guidelines or guidelines adopted by the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control." (7) Amends proposed new language in GS 135-40.5(e) to read "The coverage shall be in accordance with the most recently published American Cancer Society guidelines or guidelines adopted by the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control" and defines the phrase "examinations and laboratory tests for the screening for the early detection of cervical cancer" to mean "conventional PAP smear screening, liquid-based cytology, and human papilloma virus (HPV) detection methods for women with equivocal findings on cervical cytologic analysis." (8) Adds new section 5 amending GS 135-40.6(8)s. by (i) replacing the term "Pap smears" with the phrase "examinations and laboratory tests for the screening for the early detection of cervical cancer," (ii) including examinations and tests for the screening for the early detection of cervical cancer among allowable charges for routine diagnostic examinations, and (iii) defining the phrase "examinations and laboratory tests for the screening for the early detection of cervical cancer" to mean "conventional PAP smear screening, liquid-based cytology, and human papilloma virus (HPV) detection methods for women with equivocal findings on cervical cytologic analysis."

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**S 388. UPDATE CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING COVERAGE.** Intro. 3/12/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Clarifies that the required coverage for examinations and laboratory tests to detect cervical cancer applies to detection methods approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.