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S.B. No. 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to health benefit plan coverage for ovarian cancer screening.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 1370, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 1370. CERTAIN TESTS FOR DETECTION OF HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS,
OVARIAN CANCER, AND CERVICAL CANCER

SECTION 2. Sections 1370.003(a) and (b), Insurance Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A health benefit plan that provides coverage for diagnostic medical procedures must provide to each woman 18 years of age or older enrolled in the plan coverage for expenses for an annual medically recognized diagnostic examination for the early detection of ovarian cancer and cervical cancer.

(b) Coverage required under this section includes at a minimum:

(1) a CA 125 blood test; and

(2) a conventional Pap smear screening or a screening using liquid-based cytology methods, as approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, alone or in combination with a test approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the detection of the human papillomavirus.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only

1 to a health benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery, or
2 renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. A plan that is
3 delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before the effective
4 date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately
5 before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in
6 effect for that purpose.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.