

Biomarker Testing Health Insurers Will Be Required To Cover Cancer Testing In RI

**Gov. Dan McKee's signed
Insurers will have to cover
biomarker testing,
beginning in 2024**



What will this act enable?

- 9 (b) Every individual or group health insurance contract, or every individual or group
10 hospital or medical expense insurance policy, plan, or group policy delivered, issued for delivery,
11 or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2024, shall provide coverage for the services of
12 biomarker testing in accordance with each health insurer's respective principles and mechanisms
13 of reimbursement, credentialing, and contracting. Biomarker testing must be covered for the
14 purposes of diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, or ongoing monitoring of an enrollee's
15 disease or condition to guide treatment decisions, when the test provides clinical utility as
16 demonstrated by medical and scientific evidence, including, but not limited to:
- 17 (1) Labeled indications for an FDA-approved or -cleared test or indicated tests for an FDA-
18 approved drug;
- 19 (2) Centers for Medicare Services ("CMS") National Coverage Determinations or
20 Medicare Administrative Contractor ("MAC") Local Coverage Determinations; or
- 21 (3) Nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines and consensus statements.
- 22 (c) Coverage as defined in subsection (b) of this section shall be provided in a manner that
23 limits disruptions in care including the need for multiple biopsies or biospecimen samples.

When
and
how
will
this
act
go
into
effect?

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES --
BIOMARKER TESTING COVERAGE

1 **This act** would require health insurers, nonprofit hospital service corporations, nonprofit
2 medical service corporations and health maintenance organizations **to issue policies that provide**
3 **coverage for biomarker testing, on or after January 1, 2024.**

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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