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AB 1520 (Levine) Health care coverage: prostate cancer: screening.
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ISSUE

In 2021, nearly 26,000 individuals in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, making it the second-most diagnosed cancer in the state and the most diagnosed in the entire country. Prostate cancer is the fifth-leading cause of cancer-related deaths in California, and has the highest amount of prostate-related deaths in the country.

In 2021, a man is expected to die from prostate cancer every 15 minutes. Black men will be diagnosed at a rate almost 80% higher than non-Hispanic white men and are twice as likely to die because of lack of access to testing and care.

Cost sharing is an unnecessary barrier to screening for prostate cancer. Screening is a critical first step for diagnosis. If detected early, nearly 100% of patients will survive.

SOLUTION

AB 1520 would eliminate cost sharing for prostate cancer screening for persons at high risk of prostate cancer. This includes those who are 55 years of age or older or over age 40 in specific high risk categories.

Specifically, this bill would prohibit a health care service plan or a health insurance policy issued, amended, renewed, or delivered on or after January 1, 2022, from applying a deductible, copayment, or coinsurance to coverage for preventive care screening services for prostate cancer for a person who is enrolled or insured and is at high risk of prostate cancer.

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