

A bill for an act
relating to health care; establishing a prostate cancer screening program;
appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
chapter 144.

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

Section 1. **[144.929] PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of health shall develop and
implement a prostate cancer screening program to provide screening services for prostate
cancer as an early detection health care measure.

Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** To be eligible for the program, an applicant must:
(1) be 50 years of age or older;
(2) not be eligible for medical assistance, general assistance medical care,
MinnesotaCare, or Medicare;
(3) not be covered under creditable coverage, as defined under United States Code,
title 42, section 1396a(aa); and
(4) have a gross family income equal to or less than 200 percent of federal poverty
guidelines.

Subd. 3. **Services.** (a) Services provided under this program shall be limited to:
(1) screening procedures, including prostate specific antigen blood tests and digital
rectal examinations; and
(2) diagnostic services, including biopsies, if needed.
(b) If a positive diagnosis is made, the program must provide assistance in obtaining
necessary medical treatment.

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2.1 Subd. 4. **Outreach.** The commissioner shall collaborate with public and private
2.2 entities to develop outreach activities to provide awareness of the prostate cancer screening
2.3 program and the importance of early screening.

2.4 Subd. 5. **Reimbursements.** Services provided under this program shall be
2.5 reimbursed at the medical assistance rate established under chapter 256B.

2.6 Subd. 6. **Evaluation.** The commissioner shall submit an annual evaluation of the
2.7 program to the legislature beginning January 15, 2009. The evaluation shall include:

2.8 (1) the number of individuals who applied for the program;

2.9 (2) the number of individuals who were screened;

2.10 (3) demographic information regarding the recipients of services, including race,
2.11 county of residence, income, and age; and

2.12 (4) the number of individuals diagnosed with cancer after having been screened,
2.13 including the stage and grade of prostate cancer diagnosed.

2.14 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.15 \$..... is appropriated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, from the general
2.16 fund to the commissioner of health to implement the prostate cancer screening program
2.17 established under section 1.