

# Special Bulletin

For professional and facility providers

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## New DE Law: Doctor Referral NOT Required for Mammograms When Patient Is 40 Years or Older

[Delaware House Substitute 1 for House Bill 253](#), as amended by House Amendment 1, was signed into law on Oct. 9, 2024, and includes requirements that became immediately effective. The law requires coverage of an annual mammogram for cancer screening for women 40 years of age or older, with or without a referral from the woman's health care provider.

The law mandates coverage for fully insured individual, fully insured group, State of Delaware Employee Group Health Insurance Program, and State Medicaid assistance plans.

### Facility Responsibilities

Facilities are required to either provide a mammogram for self-referred patients or refer such patients to a hospital or outpatient facility with the resources to not only perform a mammogram, but also assist the patient with understanding the results and arranging appropriate follow-up care.

### Claims submission

If a facility will be providing mammograms to patients without a referral from a physician, Highmark reminds facilities to include their NPI in the referring provider field when submitting the claim to Highmark.

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