Guam Legislature Clerks <clerks@guamlegislature.org>

Messages and Communications

1 message

Speaker's Office <speaker@guamlegislature.org> Sat, Oct 31, 2020 at 2:40 PM
To: Clerks Office <clerks@guamlegislature.org>
Cc: Rennae Meno <rennae@guamlegislature.org>

10/30/20	6:41 PM	10/29/20	Bill No. 369-35 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 35-100.	Office of the Governor of Guam	35GL-20-2387
10/30/20	6:41 PM	10/29/20	Bill No. 378-35 (LS), signed into law as Public Law No. 35-101.	Office of the Governor of Guam	35GL-20-2388
10/30/20	6:41 PM	10/29/20	Bill No. 2-35 (LS), signed into law as Public Law No. 35-102.	Office of the Governor of Guam	35GL-20-2389
10/30/20	6:41 PM	10/30/20	Bill No. 287-35 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 35-103.	Office of the Governor of Guam	35GL-20-2390
10/30/20	6:41 PM	10/29/20	Bill No. 165-35 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 35-104.	Office of the Governor of Guam	35GL-20-2391
10/30/20	6:41 PM	10/30/20	Substitute Bill No. 360-35 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 35-105.	Office of the Governor of Guam	35GL-20-2392

Sinseru yan Minagåhet,

Office of the Speaker • Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Committee on Public Accountability, Human Resources & the Guam Buildup

35th Guam Legislature
I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Guam Congress Building | 163 Chalan Santo Papa | Hagatna, GU 96910
T: (671) 477-2520/1
speaker@guamlegislature.org

This e-mail message is intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above and may contain confidential and privileged information. If you are not the intended recipient, any disclosure, copying, distribution or use of the information contained in this transmission is strictly PROHIBITED. If you have received this transmission in error, please immediately notify us by replying to speaker@guamlegislature.org and delete the message immediately. Thank you very much.

Gumai pribilehu yan konfedensia este siha na mensåhi. Solo espesiåtmente para hågu ma entensioña pat ma aturisa para unrisibi. Sen prubidu kumu ti un ma aturisa para manribisa, na'setbe, pat mandespåtcha. Yanggen lachi rinisibu-mu nu este na mensåhi , put fabot ago' guatu gi I numa'huyong gi as speaker@guamlegislature.org yan despues destrosa todu siha I kopian mensåhi. Si Yu'os ma'åse'.

6 attachments

- **Bill No. 369-35 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 35-100.pdf** 6435K
- **Bill No. 378-35 (LS), signed into law as Public Law No. 35-101.pdf** 698K
- **Bill No. 2-35 (LS), signed into law as Public Law No. 35-102.pdf** 946K
- **Bill No. 287-35 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 35-103.pdf** 2213K
- **Bill No. 165-35 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 35-104..pdf** 1044K
- **Substitute Bill No. 360-35 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 35-105..pdf** 4718K

UFISINAN I MAGA'HÅGA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
MAGA'HÅGA • GOVERNOR

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
SIGUNDO MAGA'LÅHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

October 29, 2020

35GL-20-2391
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

OCT 30 2020
Time 6:41 ( )AM (✓)PM
Received By:

HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
35th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: **Bill No. 165-35 (COR) - An Act to Add a New § 181004 to Article 10 of Chapter 18, Title 22, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Retaining the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Screening Recommendations for Diabetes of the Affordable Care Act in Guam's Health Insurance Law**

Dear Madame Speaker:

Diabetes affects our island in countless, untold ways. We all know and love someone afflicted with this disease, and most of us are at an increased risk for contracting it ourselves. Early screening and detection are essential to our efforts to prevent diabetes in our community. Bill No. 165-35, now known as ***Public Law No. 35-104*** will ensure that diabetes screenings will not be subject to deductibles or copayments. I join in the Legislature's hope that this small change will have a lasting impact on our island's health for generations to come.

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
I Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Enclosure: Bill No. 165-35 (COR) *nka P.L. 35-104*

cc via email: *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*
Compiler of Laws

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 165-35 (COR), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 181004 TO ARTICLE 10 OF CHAPTER 18, TITLE 22, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RETAINING THE *U.S. PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE* SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DIABETES OF THE *AFFORDABLE CARE ACT* IN GUAM'S HEALTH INSURANCE LAW,"** was on the 19th day of October 2020, duly and regularly passed.

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker

Attested:

Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 19th day of October, 2020, at 5:33 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 10/22/2020

Public Law No. 35-104

2020-11983
Jessica Cruz

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 165-35 (COR)
As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by: Louise B. Muña
Jose "Pedo" Terlaje
William M. Castro
Telo T. Taitague
Joe S. San Agustin
Régine Biscoe Lee
Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD
James C. Moylan
Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Telena Cruz Nelson
Sabina Flores Perez
Clynton E. Ridgell
Amanda L. Shelton
Therese M. Terlaje
Mary Camacho Torres

AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 181004 TO ARTICLE 10 OF CHAPTER 18, TITLE 22, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RETAINING THE *U.S. PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE* SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DIABETES OF THE *AFFORDABLE CARE ACT* IN GUAM'S HEALTH INSURANCE LAW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that diabetes is a condition that affects most families on Guam. The *U.S. Preventive Services Task Force* (USPSTF) recognizes that diabetes is a major risk factor for

heart disease, certain cancers, chronic kidney/end stage renal disease, high blood pressure, blindness, and uncontrollable infections. The *American Cancer Society* (ACS) found that diabetes doubles the risk of liver, pancreas, and endometrial cancer. It increases the risk of colorectal, breast, and bladder cancer by twenty percent (20%) to fifty percent (50%), but it cuts men's risk of prostate cancer. An ACS panel on diabetes is divided on the effectiveness of any diabetes treatment to lower these cancer risk factors once a person has acquired the disease. Therefore, the best means to lower the risk of these cancers is to prevent diabetes altogether.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that advanced screening, counseling on diet and exercise, and relatively affordable medications can prevent individuals at risk for diabetes from contracting the disease and reverse diabetes in those in the early stages of the disease.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the *USPSTF* guidelines for diabetes screening that are part of the *Preventive Services and Essential Benefits* guidelines for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act are adequate to ensure that patients are able to prevent diabetes. The *USPSTF* recommendations are as follows:

> "This recommendation applies to adults aged 40 to 70 years who are seen in primary care settings and do not have obvious symptoms of diabetes. Persons who have a family history of diabetes, have a history of gestational diabetes or polycystic ovarian syndrome, or are members of certain racial/ethnic groups (that is, African Americans, American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asian Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, or Native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders) may be at increased risk for diabetes at a younger age or at a lower body mass index. Clinicians should consider screening earlier in persons with one (1) or more of these characteristics."

Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to retain the *USPSTF's* diabetes screening recommendations and keep this screening free from co-payments and deductibles.

Section 2. A new § 181004 is *added* to Article 10 of Chapter 18, Title 22 Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

"**§ 181004. Diabetes Screening Coverage in Health Insurance Policies.**

(a) This screening recommendation applies to adults aged forty (40) to seventy (70) years who are obese or overweight. Persons who have a family history of diabetes, have a history of gestational diabetes or polycystic ovarian syndrome, or are members of certain racial/ethnic groups (that is, African Americans, American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asian Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, or Native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders) may be at an increased risk for diabetes at a younger age or at a lower body mass index, and clinicians should consider screening earlier in persons with one (1) or more of these characteristics.

(b) The Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services may adjust the screening recommendations in Subsection (a) of this Section in the event that the *U.S. Preventive Services Task Force* adopts new recommendations.

(c) Every policy of health insurance issued or renewed to a resident of Guam on or after January 1, 2021 and the Medically Indigent Program shall cover diabetes screening as defined in Subsection (a) of this Section. Coverage under this Section shall not be subject to a deductible or coinsurance for services."