
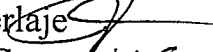



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CHAPTER 18, TITLE 22, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
RELATIVE TO RETAINING THE UNITED STATES
PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASKFORCE SCREENING
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DIABETES OF THE
AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IN GUAM'S HEALTH
INSURANCE LAW.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.**

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that diabetes is a condition that affects most families
4 on Guam. *The U.S. Preventive Services Taskforce (USPSTF)* recognizes that
5 diabetes is a major risk factor for heart disease, certain cancers, chronic kidney/end
6 stage renal disease, high blood pressure, blindness and uncontrollable infections.
7 *The American Cancer Society (ACS)* found that diabetes doubles the risk of liver,
8 pancreas, and endometrial cancer. It increases the risk of colorectal, breast, and
9 bladder cancer by 20% to 50%; but it cuts men's risk of prostate cancer. An ACS
10 panel on diabetes is divided on the effectiveness of any diabetes treatment to lower
11 these cancer risk factors once a person has acquired the disease. Therefore the best
12 means to lower the risk of these cancers is to prevent diabetes altogether.

13 *I Liheslatura* further finds that advanced screening, counseling on diet and exercise
14 and relatively affordable medications can prevent individual at risk for diabetes
15 from contracting the disease and reverse diabetes in those in the early stages of the
16 disease.

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

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

14 It is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to retain the *USPSTF*’s diabetes screening
15 recommendations and keep this screening free from co-payments and deductibles.
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17 **Section 2.** A new Section 181005 is *added* to Article 10, Chapter 18, Title 22
18 Guam Code Annotated to read as follows:

19 **“§ 181005. Diabetes Screening coverage in health insurance policies.**

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

1 (b) The Director of the Department of Public Health may adjust the screening
2 recommendations in this Section, *supra*, in the event that the *United States*
3 *Preventive Services Taskforce* adopts new recommendations.

4 (c) Every policy of health insurance issued or renewed to a resident of Guam on or
5 after January 1, 2020 and the *Medically Indigent Program* shall cover diabetes
6 screening as defined in (a) *supra*. Coverage under this Section shall not be subject
7 to a deductible or coinsurance for services.”