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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; providing colorectal cancer screening for the uninsured;  
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.4 chapter 144.

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

1.6 Section 1. [144.929] COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM.

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall develop and implement a  
1.8 colorectal screening program to provide screening to uninsured and underinsured women  
1.9 and men.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** To be eligible, an applicant must:

1.11 (1) be over 50 years of age or under the age of 50 and at high risk for colon cancer;

1.12 (2) be uninsured, have insurance that does not cover routine colorectal cancer  
1.13 screenings, or be unable to pay the deductible or co-payment; and

1.14 (3) have a gross family income at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty level.

1.15 Subd. 3. **Services.** Services provided under this program shall include:

1.16 (1) colorectal cancer screening, according to standard practice of medicine;

1.17 (2) follow-up services for abnormal tests; and

1.18 (3) diagnostic services.

1.19 Subd. 4. **Treatment.** If an enrollee who is screened under this program is diagnosed  
1.20 with colorectal cancer, the enrollee's treatment shall be covered by medical assistance if  
1.21 the enrollee is uninsured or has insurance that does not cover treatment of colorectal  
1.22 cancer. Medical assistance coverage ends when a course of treatment is completed, but  
1.23 enrollees are not limited to one period of coverage. A new coverage period begins each  
1.24 time an enrollee is screened and determined to need treatment for colorectal cancer.

2.1       Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.2             \$..... is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health for  
2.3 the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, to implement the colorectal screening program  
2.4 established in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.929.