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**A BILL**

To enact sections 3902.62 and 5164.13 of the 1  
Revised Code to require health benefit plan and 2  
Medicaid program coverage of biomarker testing. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 3902.62 and 5164.13 of the 4  
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 3902.62. (A) As used in this section, "biomarker," 6  
"biomarker testing," "consensus statements," and "nationally 7  
recognized clinical practice guidelines" all have the same 8  
meanings as in section 5164.13 of the Revised Code. 9

(B) On and after the effective date of this section, and 10  
notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the Revised Code, a health 11  
benefit plan issued, renewed, or modified in this state shall 12  
cover biomarker testing, subject to division (C) of this 13  
section, for any of the following purposes: 14

(1) Diagnosis; 15

(2) Treatment and appropriate management of a disease or 16

<u>condition;</u>	17
<u>(3) Ongoing monitoring of a disease or condition.</u>	18
<u>(C) A health benefit plan shall cover biomarker testing</u>	19
<u>for the purposes included in division (B) of this section when</u>	20
<u>the test is supported by medical and scientific evidence,</u>	21
<u>including any of the following:</u>	22
<u>(1) Labeled indications for a United States food and drug</u>	23
<u>administration approved or cleared test, or indicated tests for</u>	24
<u>a drug approved by the United States food and drug</u>	25
<u>administration;</u>	26
<u>(2) National coverage determinations made by the United</u>	27
<u>States centers for medicare and medicaid services;</u>	28
<u>(3) Medicare administrative contractor local coverage</u>	29
<u>determinations;</u>	30
<u>(4) Nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines;</u>	31
<u>(5) Consensus statements.</u>	32
<u>(D) A health plan issuer shall ensure coverage as required</u>	33
<u>in division (B) of this section in a manner that limits</u>	34
<u>disruptions in care, including the need for multiple biopsies or</u>	35
<u>biospecimen samples.</u>	36
<u>(E) Any appeal of a biomarker testing coverage</u>	37
<u>determination shall be handled in accordance with the health</u>	38
<u>plan issuer's appeal policy and any other relevant provision of</u>	39
<u>law, including section 1751.82 or Chapter 3922. of the Revised</u>	40
<u>Code. The appeal process shall be made readily accessible to all</u>	41
<u>participating providers and recipients in writing and online.</u>	42
<u>Sec. 5164.13. (A) As used in this section:</u>	43

(1) "Biomarker" means a characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to specific therapeutic intervention, and includes, but is not limited to, gene mutations or protein expressions. 44  
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(2) "Biomarker testing" means the analysis of tissue, blood, or another biospecimen for the presence of a biomarker, and includes, but is not limited to, single-analyte tests, multiplex panel tests, and whole genome sequencing. 49  
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(3) "Consensus statements" are statements developed by an independent, multidisciplinary panel of experts utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy. 53  
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(4) "Nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines" are evidence-based clinical practice guidelines developed by independent organizations or medical professional societies utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy. 57  
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(B) The medicaid program shall cover biomarker testing, subject to division (C) of this section, for any of the following purposes: 62  
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(1) Diagnosis; 65

(2) Treatment and appropriate management of a disease or condition; 66  
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(3) Ongoing monitoring of a disease or condition. 68

(C) The medicaid program shall cover biomarker testing for the purposes included in division (B) of this section when the test is supported by medical and scientific evidence, including 69  
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<u>any of the following:</u>	72
<u>(1) Labeled indications for a United States food and drug</u>	73
<u>administration approved or cleared test, or indicated tests for</u>	74
<u>a drug approved by the United States food and drug</u>	75
<u>administration;</u>	76
<u>(2) National coverage determinations made by the United</u>	77
<u>States centers for medicare and medicaid services;</u>	78
<u>(3) Medicare administrative contractor local coverage</u>	79
<u>determinations;</u>	80
<u>(4) Nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines;</u>	81
<u>(5) Consensus statements.</u>	82
<u>(D) Any appeal of a biomarker testing coverage policy</u>	83
<u>shall be handled in accordance with section 5160.31 of the</u>	84
<u>Revised Code. The appeal process shall be made readily</u>	85
<u>accessible to all participating providers and recipients in</u>	86
<u>writing and online.</u>	87