



October 12th, 2017

Al Gobeille, Secretary
Vermont Agency of Human Services
280 State Drive – Carter Building
Waterbury VT

Dear Mr. Gobeille,

The Vermont Radiological Society (VRS) is the Vermont state chapter of the American College of Radiology (ACR), representing the radiologists and radiation oncologists practicing in the state of Vermont. The VRS supports the recent decision by the Agency of Human Services to add digital breast tomosynthesis (DBT) as a covered services for patients with Medicaid insurance.

DBT has been covered by Medicare since 2015, is now covered by many private insurers and is no longer considered investigational. The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) recommends DBT as an adjunct to digital (2 dimensional) mammography. Numerous studies have demonstrated the clinical benefit of DBT in increasing the detection rate for breast cancer and in reducing the recall rate from screening. DBT is available at almost all mammography facilities in Vermont.

Medicaid coverage for DBT will enable more Vermont patients to take advantage of this lifesaving technology and the radiologists of the VRS applaud this decision.

Sincere Regards,

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