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Governor Youngkin Signs Landmark Legislation Eliminating Out-of-Pocket Costs for Breast Cancer Diagnostic & Supplemental Imaging

Richmond, VA—[March 25, 2025]—Governor Glenn Youngkin has signed [HB1828/SB1436](#) into law, ensuring that Virginians no longer face out-of-pocket costs for medically necessary diagnostic and supplemental breast imaging. This historic bipartisan legislation removes financial barriers to essential follow-up care, including diagnostic mammograms, ultrasounds, and MRIs. The law applies to health insurance plans regulated by the Commonwealth and will go into effect on January 1, 2026.

Delegate Shelly Simonds (70th—Newport News), Senator Russet Perry (31st—Loudoun/Fauquier), and Senator Tara Durant (27th—Fredericksburg) championed the bills, emphasizing the lifesaving impact of early detection and affordable access to care.

"We all know that the earlier cancer is detected, the better the prognosis – not to mention the huge cost savings of an early diagnosis versus a late-stage one," said Delegate Simonds. "Too often, we see women delay getting a follow-up exam, and by the time they can afford to pay for care, their prognosis is worse. This legislation will remove those barriers to care and will save lives."

"This bill was incredibly personal for me. My mother was diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer when I was only 5 years old. Her prognosis was grim, but she survived," said Senator Perry. "Breast cancer isn't partisan, and it doesn't discriminate based on zip code or income. No Virginian should struggle to afford diagnostic and follow-up care. Early detection and access to care save lives, and this bill will do just that: save lives. I'm thrilled to see it signed into law."

"The passage of this bill is a major victory for women's health. As a survivor, I know firsthand that early detection saves lives," said Senator Durant. "Time and again, I've sadly listened to women struggling to overcome the financial barriers of this process, trying to navigate new diagnoses as medical bills pile up. Today, I'm grateful that cost will no longer stand in the way of critical screenings. This bill is a testament to the power of advocacy and a step forward in the fight against breast cancer. I thank everyone who helped make this a reality."

"Breast cancer is the most diagnosed cancer in Virginia, and this law is a game-changer for patients across the Commonwealth," said Katy Sawyer, Executive Director of the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation (VBCF). "Cost should never stand in the way of early detection and better outcomes. We are deeply grateful to Delegate Simonds, Senator Perry, Senator Durant, Governor Youngkin, the Virginia General Assembly, and the dedicated advocates who made this possible."

About the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation

Founded in 1991, VBCF is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to empowering Virginians impacted by breast cancer through access, advocacy, education, and community action. Learn more at www.vbcf.org.