



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3901.491 Genetic screening or testing.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Genetic screening or testing" means a laboratory test of a person's genes or chromosomes for genotypes, mutations, or chromosomal changes, including carrier status, that are linked to physical or mental disorders or impairments, or that indicate a susceptibility to illness, disease, or other disorders, whether physical or mental, which test is a direct test for genotypes, mutations, or chromosomal changes, and not an indirect manifestation of genetic disorders.

(2) "Insurer" means any person authorized under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code to engage in the business of sickness and accident insurance.

(3) "Sickness and accident insurance" means sickness and accident insurance under Chapter 3923. of the Revised Code excluding disability income insurance and excluding supplemental policies of sickness and accident insurance.

(B) No insurer or public employee benefit plan shall do either of the following:

(1) Consider any information obtained from genetic screening or testing in processing an application for an individual or group policy of sickness and accident insurance or public employee benefit plan, or in determining insurability under such a policy or plan;

(2) Inquire, directly or indirectly, into the results of genetic screening or testing or use such information, in whole or in part, to cancel, refuse to issue or renew, limit benefits under, or set premiums for a sickness and accident insurance policy or public employee benefit plan.

(C) Any insurer or plan that has engaged in, is engaged in, or is about to engage in a violation of division (B) of this section is subject to the jurisdiction of the superintendent of insurance under section 3901.04 of the Revised Code.



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