

PROPOSED

ORDINANCE NO.

1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD
2 COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO CORONARY CALCIUM SCAN DISCLOSURES;
3 CREATING SECTION 15-1 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES
4 (“CODE”) TO REQUIRE CERTAIN DISCLOSURES; AND PROVIDING FOR
5 SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

6 (Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Mark D. Bogen)

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8 WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is a leading cause of death in Broward County
9 and throughout Florida, making accurate diagnostic information critical to public health;

10 WHEREAS, coronary computed tomography (“CT”) scans without contrast,
11 commonly referred to as calcium score tests, are increasingly used as screening tools for
12 cardiovascular disease;

13 WHEREAS, while calcium score tests can effectively detect calcified plaque in
14 coronary arteries, they cannot detect or visualize noncalcified (soft) plaque, which may
15 also contribute to cardiovascular events; and

16 WHEREAS, the public has a compelling interest in receiving accurate information
17 about the capabilities and limitations of calcium score tests to enable them to make better
18 informed healthcare decisions,

19 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
20 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

21 Section 1. Section 15-1 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby
22 created to read as follows:

23 [Underlining omitted]

24 **Sec. 15-1. Calcium score test disclosure.**

25 (a) *Required disclosure.* Any person or entity, including but not limited to any
26 hospital, diagnostic center, or healthcare or medical provider, that administers or performs
27 a coronary computed tomography scan without contrast (calcium score test) within
28 Broward County shall provide a written disclosure to the patient, either as a separate
29 document or as a separate section in an existing consent form, prior to performing the
30 test. The disclosure, which must be signed by the patient, must state the following:

31 DISCLOSURE: **A calcium score test (coronary computed tomography scan**
32 **without contrast) does not detect or visualize soft plaque.** A calcium score test
33 only detects hard plaque and does not detect soft plaque. A buildup of soft plaque
34 can cause a heart attack. A different test, called a cardiac computed tomography
35 angiography (CCTA) scan, can detect both hard and soft plaque.

36 (b) *Required retention.* The healthcare or medical provider must retain the
37 required patient-signed disclosure for a period of at least two (2) years, and must provide
38 to the County, upon request—which may be periodically made—a sworn declaration
39 stating that it has obtained all patient-signed disclosures required by this section during
40 the time period addressed in the County's request.

41 Section 2. Severability.

42 If any portion of this Ordinance is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid
43 portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this

44 Ordinance. If any court determines that this Ordinance, in whole or in part, cannot be
45 legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such
46 determination will not affect the applicability of this Ordinance to any other individual,
47 group, entity, property, or circumstance.

48 Section 3. Inclusion in the Broward County Code of Ordinances.

49 It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this
50 Ordinance become part of the Broward County Code of Ordinances as of the effective
51 date. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word
52 "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or such other appropriate word or
53 phrase to the extent necessary to accomplish such intention.

54 Section 4. Effective Date.

55 This Ordinance is effective as of November 1, 2025.

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FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
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