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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CANCER.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to article 10A to be  
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4           "§431:10A-       Oral chemotherapy coverage.   Each policy of  
5 accident and health or sickness insurance providing coverage for  
6 cancer chemotherapy shall provide coverage for a prescribed,  
7 orally administered cancer medication used to kill or slow the  
8 growth of cancerous cells on a basis no less favorable than  
9 intravenously administered or injected cancer medications that  
10 are covered as medical benefits."

11           SECTION 2. Chapter 432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by adding a new section to article 1 to be appropriately  
13 designated and to read as follows:

14           "§432:1-       Oral chemotherapy coverage.   All individual  
15 and group hospital and medical service contracts providing  
16 coverage for cancer chemotherapy shall provide coverage for a  
17 prescribed, orally administered cancer medication used to kill  
18 or slow the growth of cancerous cells on a basis no less



1 favorable than intravenously administered or injected cancer  
2 medications that are covered as medical benefits."

3 SECTION 3. Section 432D-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "**§432D-23 Required provisions and benefits.**

6 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each  
7 policy, contract, plan, or agreement issued in the State after  
8 January 1, 1995, by health maintenance organizations pursuant to  
9 this chapter, shall include benefits provided in sections  
10 431:10-212, 431:10A-115, 431:10A-115.5, 431:10A-116, 431:10A-  
11 116.5, 431:10A-116.6, 431:10A-119, 431:10A-120, [and] 431:10A-  
12 121, and 431:10A-\_\_\_\_\_, and chapter 431M."

13 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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**Report Title:**

Oral chemotherapy; Insurance coverage

**Description:**

Requires insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for oral chemotherapy.

