
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

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

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

4 "§431:10A- Chemotherapy services. (a) Notwithstanding
5 section 23-51, all individual and group accident and health or
6 sickness policies that include coverage or benefits for the
7 treatment of cancer shall provide payment or reimbursement for
8 all chemotherapy, including orally administered chemotherapy,
9 under the same terms and conditions and at a rate calculated
10 according to the same methods as payment or reimbursement for
11 intravenously administered chemotherapy; provided that this
12 section shall not apply to an accident only, specified disease,
13 hospital indemnity, long-term care, or other limited benefit
14 health insurance policy.

15 (b) For the purposes of this section:

16 "Intravenously administered chemotherapy" means a
17 physician-prescribed cancer treatment that is administered



1 through injection directly into the patient's circulatory system
2 by a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, nurse,
3 or other medical personnel under the supervision of a physician
4 and in a hospital, medical office, or other clinical setting.

5 "Oral chemotherapy" means a United States Food and Drug
6 Administration-approved, physician-prescribed cancer treatment
7 that is taken orally in the form of a tablet or capsule and may
8 be administered in a hospital, medical office, or other clinical
9 setting or may be delivered to the patient for self-
10 administration under the direction or supervision of a physician
11 outside of a hospital, medical office, or other clinical
12 setting."

13 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Health Insurance; Coverage; Chemotherapy

Description:

Requires health insurance providers to provide health insurance coverage for all chemotherapy treatment, including orally administered chemotherapy, under the same terms and conditions and at a rate calculated according to the same methods as payment or reimbursement for intravenously administered chemotherapy. Effective July 1, 2020. (SB166 HD1)

