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S.P. 217

In Senate, February 21, 2013

### An Act Relating to Orally Administered Cancer Therapy

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Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAIN of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative HOBBS of Saco and  
Senators: President ALFOND of Cumberland, CRAVEN of Androscoggin, CUSHING of  
Penobscot, GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representatives: McCABE of Skowhegan, POULIOT  
of Augusta.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2320-H** is enacted to read:

3 **§2320-H. Orally administered cancer therapy**

4 All individual and group nonprofit hospital and medical services plan policies,  
5 contracts and certificates and all nonprofit health care plan policies, contracts and  
6 certificates that provide coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment must provide  
7 coverage for prescribed, orally administered anticancer medications used to kill or slow  
8 the growth of cancerous cells that is equivalent to the coverage provided for  
9 intravenously administered or injected anticancer medications. An increase in patient  
10 cost sharing for anticancer medications may not be used to achieve compliance with this  
11 section.

12 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2745-H** is enacted to read:

13 **§2745-H. Orally administered cancer therapy**

14 All individual insurance policies, contracts and certificates that provide coverage for  
15 cancer chemotherapy treatment must provide coverage for prescribed, orally administered  
16 anticancer medications used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells that is  
17 equivalent to the coverage provided for intravenously administered or injected anticancer  
18 medications. An increase in patient cost sharing for anticancer medications may not be  
19 used to achieve compliance with this section.

20 **Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2837-I** is enacted to read:

21 **§2837-I. Orally administered cancer therapy**

22 All group insurance policies, contracts and certificates that provide coverage for  
23 cancer chemotherapy treatment must provide coverage for prescribed, orally administered  
24 anticancer medications used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells that is  
25 equivalent to the coverage provided for intravenously administered or injected anticancer  
26 medications. An increase in patient cost sharing for anticancer medications may not be  
27 used to achieve compliance with this section.

28 **Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §4234-F** is enacted to read:

29 **§4234-F. Orally administered cancer therapy**

30 All individual and group health maintenance organization policies, contracts and  
31 certificates that provide coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment must provide  
32 coverage for prescribed, orally administered anticancer medications used to kill or slow  
33 the growth of cancerous cells that is equivalent to the coverage provided for  
34 intravenously administered or injected anticancer medications. An increase in patient  
35 cost sharing for anticancer medications may not be used to achieve compliance with this  
36 section.

1           **Sec. 5. Application.** This Act applies to all policies, contracts and certificates  
2           executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after  
3           October 1, 2013. For purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no  
4           later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

5                                           **SUMMARY**

6           This bill requires health insurance policies that cover cancer chemotherapy to include  
7           coverage for orally administered anticancer medications.