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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO INSURANCE - ORALLY ADMINISTERED ANTICANCER MEDICATION

Introduced By: Representatives Amore, Kazarian, Melo, Valencia, and Ackerman

Date Introduced: February 12, 2013

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27-18 of the General Laws entitled "Accident and Sickness
2 Insurance Policies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **27-18-79. Orally administered anticancer medication - Coverage mandated.** -- [Every](#)
4 [individual or group hospital or medical expense, insurance policy or individual or group hospital](#)
5 [or medical services plan contract, plan or certificate of insurance delivered, issued for delivery, or](#)
6 [renewed in this state shall provide coverage for prescribed, orally administered anticancer](#)
7 [medications used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells on a basis no less favorable than](#)
8 [intravenously administered or injected cancer medications that are covered as medical benefits.](#)
9 [An increase in patient cost sharing for anticancer medications shall not be allowed to achieve](#)
10 [compliance with this section.](#)

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 27-19 of the General Laws entitled "Individual Health Insurance
12 Coverage" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

13 **27-19-70. Orally administered anticancer medication – Coverage mandated.** -- [Every](#)
14 [individual or group hospital or medical expense, insurance policy or individual or group hospital](#)
15 [or medical services plan contract, plan or certificate of insurance delivered, issued for delivery, or](#)
16 [renewed in this state shall provide coverage for prescribed, orally administered anticancer](#)
17 [medications used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells on a basis no less favorable than](#)
18 [intravenously administered or injected cancer medications that are covered as medical benefits.](#)
19 [An increase in patient cost sharing for anticancer medications shall not be allowed to achieve](#)

1 [compliance with this section.](#)

2 SECTION 3. Chapter 27-20 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Medical Service
3 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

4 **27-20-66. Orally administered anticancer medication – Coverage mandated. --** [Every](#)
5 [individual or group hospital or medical expense, insurance policy or individual or group hospital](#)
6 [or medical services plan contract, plan or certificate of insurance delivered, issued for delivery, or](#)
7 [renewed in this state shall provide coverage for prescribed, orally administered anticancer](#)
8 [medications used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells on a basis no less favorable than](#)
9 [intravenously administered or injected cancer medications that are covered as medical benefits.](#)
10 [An increase in patient cost sharing for anticancer medications shall not be allowed to achieve](#)
11 [compliance with this section.](#)

12 SECTION 4. Chapter 27-41 of the General Laws entitled "Health Maintenance
13 Organizations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

14 **27-41-83. Orally administered anticancer medication – Coverage mandated. –**
15 [Every individual or group hospital or medical expense, insurance policy or individual or group](#)
16 [hospital or medical services plan contract, plan or certificate of insurance delivered, issued for](#)
17 [delivery, or renewed in this state shall provide coverage for prescribed, orally administered](#)
18 [anticancer medications used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells on a basis no less](#)
19 [favorable than intravenously administered or injected cancer medications that are covered as](#)
20 [medical benefits. An increase in patient cost sharing for anticancer medications shall not be](#)
21 [allowed to achieve compliance with this section.](#)

22 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require insurance coverage for prescribed, orally administered anticancer
2 medication just as there is coverage for intravenously administered or injected anticancer
3 medications.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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