
SENATE BILL 5626

State of Washington

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By Senators Miloscia, Cleveland, and Rivers

1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the use of step therapy in
2 treatments for stage four advanced, metastatic cancer; and adding a
3 new section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 A health benefit plan issued, delivered, or renewed in this state
8 that, as a provision of hospital, medical, or surgical services,
9 directly or indirectly covers the treatment of stage four advanced,
10 metastatic cancer shall not limit or exclude coverage for a drug
11 approved by the United States food and drug administration by
12 mandating that the insured shall first be required to fail to
13 successfully respond to a different drug or drugs or prove a history
14 of failure of such drug or drugs; unless the use of such drug or
15 drugs is consistent with best practices for the treatment of stage
16 four advanced, metastatic cancer and is supported by peer-reviewed
17 medical literature.

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