

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1865 Session of
2009

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JULY 16, 2009

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 21, 2010

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), entitled "An
2 act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and
3 consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of
4 insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and
5 protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds
6 associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and
7 fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and
8 supervision of insurance carried by such companies,
9 associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by
10 the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and
11 repealing existing laws," providing for oncology benefit
12 design.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known
16 as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, is amended by adding a
17 section to read:

18 ~~Section 631.1. Oncology Benefit Design. (a) All individual~~ ←
19 ~~or group health insurance policies offered by an insurer that~~

~~provides coverage for intravenously administered cancer chemotherapy that also provides coverage for orally administered cancer chemotherapy shall provide such coverage on equal terms to the insured. This shall include equalizing the copayments, deductibles, coinsurance provisions and maximum out of pocket limits without regard as to how the chemotherapy is administered.~~

~~(b) This section shall apply to all health insurance policies offered, issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2010, in this Commonwealth. This section shall not include the following policies:~~

~~(1) Accident only.~~

~~(2) Fixed indemnity.~~

~~(3) Limited benefit.~~

~~(4) Credit.~~

~~(5) Dental.~~

~~(6) Vision.~~

~~(7) Specified disease.~~

~~(8) Medicare supplement.~~

~~(9) CHAMPUS (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services) supplement.~~

~~(10) Long term care or disability income.~~

~~(11) Long term care.~~

~~(12) Workers' compensation.~~

~~(13) Automobile medical payment.~~

~~(c) The term "cancer chemotherapy" when used in this section means medication that is prescribed by a physician for the purpose of killing or slowing the growth of cancer cells.~~

~~(d) The term "insurer" when used in this section means a company or health insurance entity licensed in this Commonwealth~~

~~to issue any individual or group health, sickness or accident
policy or subscriber contract or certificate or plan that
provides medical or health care coverage by a health care
facility or licensed health care provider that is offered or
governed under this act or any of the following:~~

~~(1) The act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364), known
as the "Health Maintenance Organization Act."~~

~~(2) The act of May 18, 1976 (P.L.123, No.54), known as the
"Individual Accident and Sickness Insurance Minimum Standards
Act."~~

~~(3) 40 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to hospital plan
corporations) or 63 (relating to professional health services
plan corporations).~~

SECTION 631.1. ONCOLOGY BENEFIT DESIGN.-- (A) INDIVIDUAL OR
GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OFFERED BY AN INSURER PROVIDING
COVERAGE FOR INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED CANCER CHEMOTHERAPY THAT
ALSO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR ORALLY ADMINISTERED CANCER
CHEMOTHERAPY SHALL PROVIDE ORALLY ADMINISTERED CANCER
CHEMOTHERAPY WITH NO LESS FAVORABLE PATIENT COST-SHARING THAN
FOR COVERED INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED CHEMOTHERAPY.
THIS SHALL INCLUDE COPAYMENTS, DEDUCTIBLES, COINSURANCE
PROVISIONS AND MAXIMUM OUT-OF-POCKET LIMITS THAT ARE BASED UPON
HOW THE CHEMOTHERAPY IS ADMINISTERED TO THE PATIENT.

(B) THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP HEALTH
INSURANCE POLICIES OFFERED BY AN INSURER THAT MAY OFFER COVERAGE
FOR ORALLY ADMINISTERED OR INJECTED CHEMOTHERAPY AS PART OF A
PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT. THIS SHALL INCLUDE OFFERINGS MADE
DIRECTLY THROUGH THE INSURER OR AN ENTITY THAT INSURER HAS
CONTRACTED WITH TO PROVIDE, DELIVER, ARRANGE FOR OR REIMBURSE
FOR COVERAGE.



1 (C) COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BY
2 IMPOSING AN INCREASE IN PATIENT OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS FOR
3 CURRENTLY COVERED CHEMOTHERAPY AGENTS REGARDLESS OF THE FORM OF
4 ADMINISTRATION.

5 (D) THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES
6 OFFERED, ISSUED OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011, IN THIS
7 COMMONWEALTH. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING
8 POLICIES:

- 9 (1) ACCIDENT ONLY.
10 (2) FIXED INDEMNITY.
11 (3) LIMITED BENEFIT.
12 (4) CREDIT.
13 (5) DENTAL.
14 (6) VISION.
15 (7) MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT.
16 (8) CHAMPUS (CIVILIAN HEALTH AND MEDICAL PROGRAM OF THE
17 UNIFORMED SERVICES) SUPPLEMENT.
18 (9) LONG-TERM CARE OR DISABILITY INCOME.
19 (10) LONG-TERM CARE.
20 (11) WORKERS' COMPENSATION.
21 (12) AUTOMOBILE MEDICAL PAYMENT.

22 (E) THE TERM "CANCER CHEMOTHERAPY" WHEN USED IN THIS SECTION
23 MEANS MEDICATION THAT IS PRESCRIBED BY A PHYSICIAN FOR THE
24 PURPOSE OF KILLING OR SLOWING THE GROWTH OF CANCER CELLS.

25 (F) THE TERM "INSURER" WHEN USED IN THIS SECTION MEANS A
26 COMPANY OR HEALTH INSURANCE ENTITY LICENSED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH
27 TO ISSUE INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP HEALTH, SICKNESS OR ACCIDENT POLICY
28 OR SUBSCRIBER CONTRACT OR CERTIFICATE OR PLAN THAT PROVIDES
29 MEDICAL OR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE BY A HEALTH CARE FACILITY OR
30 LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER THAT IS OFFERED OR GOVERNED UNDER

1 THIS ACT OR THE FOLLOWING:

2 (1) THE ACT OF DECEMBER 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, NO.364), KNOWN
3 AS THE "HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION ACT."

4 (2) THE ACT OF MAY 18, 1976 (P.L.123, NO.54), KNOWN AS THE
5 "INDIVIDUAL ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE MINIMUM STANDARDS
6 ACT."

7 (3) 40 PA.C.S. CH. 61 (RELATING TO HOSPITAL PLAN
8 CORPORATIONS) OR 63 (RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL HEALTH SERVICES
9 PLAN CORPORATIONS).

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days~~ JULY 1,
11 2011.

