

SENATE BILL NO. 129

BY SENATOR PRESSLY AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1060.18, relative to cancer treatment; to require health insurers to provide coverage for proton therapy treatment for cancer patients; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1060.18 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§1060.18. Required coverage for proton therapy treatment for cancer**

**A. No health insurance issuer shall deny coverage of proton therapy or proton beam therapy for the treatment of cancer as recommended by the American Society for Radiation Oncology practice guidelines.**

**B. The coverage provided in this Section may be subject to annual deductibles, coinsurance, and copayment provisions as are consistent with those established under the health coverage plan.**

**C. The provisions of this Section do not apply to a plan providing coverage for excepted benefits as described in R.S. 22:1061, limited health benefit insurance plans, and short-term policies that have a term of less than twelve months.**

Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to any new policy, contract, program, or health coverage plan issued on or after January 1, 2026. Any policy, contract,

1 or health coverage plan in effect prior to January 1, 2026, shall convert to conform to the  
2 provisions of this Act on or before the renewal date, but no later than January 1, 2027.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_