
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires insurance coverage for a drug that is not indicated for the bodily location of a patient's cancer if the drug is approved by the FDA for the treatment of the specific mutation of the patient's cancer.

Proposed law prohibits a health coverage plan delivered or issued for delivery in this state from denying coverage for a medically necessary drug prescribed by a physician on the sole basis that the drug is not indicated for the location in the body of the patient's cancer if the drug is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of the specific mutation of the patient's cancer.

Proposed law requires any health coverage plan delivered or issued for delivery in this state to include coverage for a minimum initial treatment period of at least three months for a medically necessary drug prescribed by a physician that is not indicated for the location in the body of the patient's cancer if the drug is approved by the FDA for the treatment of the specific mutation of the patient's cancer.

Proposed law requires the health coverage plan to continue to provide coverage of the prescribed drug after the initial treatment period if the treating physician certifies that the prescribed drug is necessary for the treatment of the patient's cancer.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 22:1054.1)