

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.

1 AN ACT

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

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

7 **§1060.18. Required coverage for proton therapy treatment for cancer**

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

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

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

18 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to any new policy, contract,
19 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.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____