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SUMMARY

Clarifies law regarding health insurance coverage required for orally administered anticancer drugs.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to health insurance; amending ORS 743A.068; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 743A.068 is amended to read:

743A.068. (1) A health benefit plan that provides coverage for **intravenously administered or injected cancer medications or coverage for prescription drugs for the treatment of cancer** [*chemotherapy treatment*] must provide coverage for a prescribed, orally administered anticancer medication used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells on a basis no less favorable than [*intravenously administered or injected cancer medications that are covered as medical benefits*] **the other covered benefits.**

(2) As used in this section, “health benefit plan” has the meaning given that term in ORS 743B.005.

(3) The provisions of ORS 743A.001 do not apply to this section.

SECTION 2. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.