

Introduced by

Representative Maragos

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-36 and a new section to
2 chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to insurance coverage of cancer
3 treatment medications.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 26.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Coverage of cancer treatment medications.**

8 1. As used in this section:

9 a. "Cancer treatment medications" means prescription drugs and biologics that are
10 used to kill, slow, or prevent the growth of cancerous cells.

11 b. "Insurer" means an insurance company, nonprofit health service corporation, or
12 health maintenance organization.

13 c. "Patient-administered" includes oral administration and self-injection.

14 d. "Policy" means a major medical expense policy, contract, or evidence of
15 coverage on a group, individual, blanket, franchise, or association basis.

16 2. An insurer may not deliver, issue, execute, or renew a policy that provides coverage
17 for cancer treatment medications that are injected or are intravenously administered
18 by a health care provider and that provides coverage for patient-administered cancer
19 treatment medications unless the policy copayment, deductible, and coinsurance
20 amounts for patient-administered cancer treatment medications do not exceed the
21 amounts for cancer treatment medications that are injected or are intravenously
22 administered by a health care provider, regardless of the formulation or benefit
23 category.

1 3. An insurer may not increase a copayment, deductible, or coinsurance amount for
2 covered cancer treatment medications that are injected or intravenously administered
3 in order to avoid compliance with subsection 2. An insurer may increase a copayment,
4 deductible, and coinsurance amount for covered cancer treatment medications if the
5 increase is applied generally to other medical or pharmaceutical benefits under the
6 contract and is not done to circumvent subsection 2. An insurer may not reclassify
7 benefits with respect to cancer treatment medications in a manner that is inconsistent
8 with this section.

9 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
10 and enacted as follows:

11 **Coverage of cancer treatment medications.**

12 The board shall provide medical benefits coverage under a contract for insurance pursuant
13 to section 54-52.1-04 or under a self-insurance plan pursuant to section 54-52.1-04.2 which
14 provides coverage of cancer treatment medications in the same manner as provided under
15 section 1 of this Act.