

**CHAPTER 326—S.F.No. 1761**

*An act relating to insurance; requiring health plans to establish equal out-of-pocket requirements for oral chemotherapy medications and intravenously administered chemotherapy medications; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62A.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[62A.3075] CANCER CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENT COVERAGE.**

(a) A health plan company that provides coverage under a health plan for cancer chemotherapy treatment shall not require a higher co-payment, deductible, or coinsurance amount for a prescribed, orally administered anticancer medication that is used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells than what the health plan requires for an intravenously administered or injected cancer medication that is provided, regardless of formulation or benefit category determination by the health plan company.

(b) A health plan company must not achieve compliance with this section by imposing an increase in co-payment, deductible, or coinsurance amount for an intravenously administered or injected cancer chemotherapy agent covered under the health plan.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit a health plan company from requiring prior authorization or imposing other appropriate utilization controls in approving coverage for any chemotherapy.

(d) A plan offered by the commissioner of management and budget under section 43A.23 is deemed to be at parity and in compliance with this section.

(e) A health plan company is in compliance with this section if it does not include orally administered anticancer medication in the fourth tier of its pharmacy benefit.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraphs (a) and (c) are effective August 1, 2010, and apply to health plans providing coverage to a Minnesota resident offered, issued, sold, renewed, or continued as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 60A.02, subdivision 2a, on or after that date. Paragraph (b) is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 10, 2010

Signed by the governor May 13, 2010, 9:32 a.m.