

HOUSE BILL 1087

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,  
relative to coverage of cancer treatments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 23, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

56-7-2368.

(a) A contract or policy of an insurer that provides health insurance coverage or benefits for 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 what the health benefit plan requires for intravenously administered or injected cancer medications that are covered as medical benefits.

(b) A health insurer does 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 on the effective date of this act.

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

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it, and it shall apply to policies or contracts entered into or renewed on and after that date.