

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 422, 1st Eng.
INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee and Senator Benacquisto and others
SUBJECT: Cancer Treatment
DATE: May 2, 2013

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 929271

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 removes everything after the enacting clause and inserts the language of CS/HB 301.

The Amendment creates the “Cancer Treatment Fairness Act” and two new sections of law requiring individual and group health insurance policies or health maintenance contracts that provide coverage for cancer treatment medications to provide coverage for oral medications in a manner no less favorable than those provided for other cancer treatments, such as injectable or intravenous medications.

The Amendment differs from CS/SB 422 by providing:

- A definition for grandfathered health plans and exempting these plans from the oral cancer treatment medications coverage and cost sharing parity requirements;
- If the cost sharing requirements for intravenous or injected medications are less than \$50 per month, then the cost sharing requirements for orally administered cancer treatment medications may be up to \$50 per month; and,
- An effective date of January 1, 2015 that would apply to any policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after that date. The effective date in CS/SB 422 is July 1, 2013 and would apply to any policies issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2014.

The Amendment also specifically prohibits individual and group health insurance insurers and health maintenance organizations from varying the terms of their policies in effect on the effective date of the act to avoid compliance or from offering any incentive or limitation to encourage a covered person to accept less than the minimum protections.