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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to bone marrow transplant
procedures; amending s. 627.4236, F.S.;
requiring that coverage for
bone-marrow-transplant procedures include costs
of the donor patient; providing an effective
date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 627.4236, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

627.4236 Coverage for bone marrow transplant
procedures.--

(2) An insurer or a health maintenance organization
may not exclude coverage for bone marrow transplant procedures
recommended by the referring physician and the treating
physician under a policy exclusion for experimental, clinical
investigative, educational, or similar procedures contained in
any individual or group health insurance policy or health
maintenance organization contract issued, amended, delivered,
or renewed in this state that covers treatment for cancer, if
the particular use of the bone marrow transplant procedure is
determined to be accepted within the appropriate oncological
specialty and not experimental pursuant to subsection (3).
Covered bone-marrow-transplant procedures must include costs
associated with the donor-patient to the same extent and
limitations as costs associated with the insured.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Mandates that bone-marrow-transplant procedures covered by insurance or by a health maintenance organization include costs of the donor-patient to the same extent and limitations as costs associated with the insured.