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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.