

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senators Thomas, Mitchell, Gutman, Geller, Dawson-White, Campbell and Casas

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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; making a legislative finding that the provisions of this act fulfill an important state interest; 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.

1 Section 2. The Legislature finds that the provisions
2 of this act fulfill an important state interest.

3 Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2000.
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5 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
7 Senate Bill 62

8 Makes a legislative finding that the provisions of this bill
9 fulfill an important state interest.

10 Changes the effective date from July 1, 1999, to January 1,
11 2000.

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