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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to health insurance contracts;
amending s. 627.4236, F.S.; redefining the term
"bone marrow transplant" for purposes of
required coverage for certain procedures to
include nonablative therapy having
life-prolonging intent; providing an effective
date.

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

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

627.4236 Coverage for bone marrow transplant
procedures.--

(1) As used in this section, the term "bone marrow
transplant" means human blood precursor cells administered to
a patient to restore normal hematological and immunological
functions following ablative or nonablative therapy with
curative or life-prolonging intent. Human blood precursor
cells may be obtained from the patient in an autologous
transplant or from a medically acceptable related or unrelated
donor, and may be derived from bone marrow, circulating blood,
or a combination of bone marrow and circulating blood. If
chemotherapy is an integral part of the treatment involving
bone marrow transplantation, the term "bone marrow transplant"
includes both the transplantation and the chemotherapy.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Includes nonablative therapy having life-prolonging intent within the types of therapy required under insurance that provides coverage for bone marrow transplants.