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2012 A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to cancer chemotherapy treatment 3 parity; creating ss. 627.42391 and 641.313, F.S.; 4 requiring individual or group insurance policies and 5 health maintenance contracts providing coverage for 6 cancer chemotherapy treatment to provide at least 7 equally favorable coverage for prescribed, orally 8 administered anticancer medications; specifying that 9 compliance with such requirement may not be achieved 10 by increasing policy or contract copayments, 11 deductibles, or coinsurance amounts applicable to intravenously administered or injected anticancer 12 medications; providing construction; providing an 13 14 effective date. 15 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 17 Section 1. Section 627.42391, Florida Statutes, is created 18 19 to read: 627.42391 Cancer chemotherapy treatment parity; orally 20 21 administered anticancer medication.-22 (1) An individual or group insurance policy that provides 23 coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment must provide coverage 24 for a prescribed, orally administered anticancer medication on a 25 basis no less favorable than that on which it provides coverage 26 for intravenously administered or injected anticancer 27 medications.

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28 (2) An individual or group insurance policy may not 29 achieve compliance with subsection (1) by imposing an increase 30 in the copayment, deductible, or coinsurance amount for 31 intravenously administered or injected anticancer medications 32 covered under the policy on the effective date of this act. 33 This section may not be construed to: (3) 34 (a) Prohibit an insurer from requiring prior authorization 35 or imposing other appropriate utilization controls relating to 36 the approval of coverage for the use of cancer chemotherapy 37 treatment. 38 (b) Require coverage in an individual or group insurance 39 policy for cancer chemotherapy treatment. 40 Section 2. Section 641.313, Florida Statutes, is created 41 to read: 42 641.313 Cancer chemotherapy treatment parity; orally 43 administered anticancer medication.-44 (1) A health maintenance contract that provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment must provide coverage for a 45 46 prescribed, orally administered anticancer medication on a basis 47 no less favorable than that on which it provides coverage for 48 intravenously administered or injected anticancer medications. 49 (2) A health maintenance contract may not achieve 50 compliance with subsection (1) by imposing an increase in the 51 copayment, deductible, or coinsurance amount for intravenously 52 administered or injected anticancer medications covered under 53 the contract on the effective date of this act. 54 (3) This section may not be construed to:

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55 (a) Prohibit a health maintenance organization from requiring prior authorization or imposing other appropriate 56 57 utilization controls relating to the approval of coverage for 58 the use of cancer chemotherapy treatment. 59 (b) Require coverage in a health maintenance contract for 60 cancer chemotherapy treatment. 61 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

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