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By Senators Marr, Parlette, Pflug, and Murray

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1 AN ACT Relating to chemotherapy treatment costs; adding a new
2 section to chapter 41.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.20
3 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.21 RCW; adding a new section to
4 chapter 48.41 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.42 RCW; adding a
5 new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.44
6 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.46 RCW; and adding a new
7 section to chapter 70.47 RCW.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 Every health plan offered to public employees and their covered
12 dependents under this chapter that (1) provides coverage for cancer
13 chemotherapy treatment, (2) is not subject to Title 48 RCW, and (3) is
14 established or renewed beginning January 1, 2010, must cover orally
15 administered anticancer medication used to kill or slow the growth of
16 cancerous cells on a basis not less favorable than intravenously
17 administered or injected cancer medications, including copayments.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.20 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 Every disability insurance policy issued or renewed beginning
4 January 1, 2010, that provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy
5 treatment must cover orally administered anticancer medication used to
6 kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells on a basis not less
7 favorable than intravenously administered or injected cancer
8 medications, including copayments.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 48.21 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 Every group disability insurance policy issued or renewed beginning
12 January 1, 2010, that provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy
13 treatment must cover orally administered anticancer medication used to
14 kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells on a basis not less
15 favorable than intravenously administered or injected cancer
16 medications, including copayments.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 48.41 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 Every health plan issued or renewed by a member beginning January
20 1, 2010, that provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment must
21 cover orally administered anticancer medication used to kill or slow
22 the growth of cancerous cells on a basis not less favorable than
23 intravenously administered or injected cancer medications, including
24 copayments.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 48.42 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 Beginning January 1, 2010, every person or entity regulated under
28 RCW 48.42.010 that provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment
29 must cover orally administered anticancer medication used to kill or
30 slow the growth of cancerous cells on a basis not less favorable than
31 intravenously administered or injected cancer medications, including
32 copayments.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW
34 to read as follows:

1 Every health plan issued or renewed beginning January 1, 2010, that
2 provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment must cover orally
3 administered anticancer medication used to kill or slow the growth of
4 cancerous cells on a basis not less favorable than intravenously
5 administered or injected cancer medications, including copayments.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 48.44 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 Every health care service contract issued or renewed beginning
9 January 1, 2010, that provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy
10 treatment must cover orally administered anticancer medication used to
11 kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells on a basis not less
12 favorable than intravenously administered or injected cancer
13 medications, including copayments.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 48.46 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 Every health maintenance agreement issued or renewed beginning
17 January 1, 2010, that provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy
18 treatment must cover orally administered anticancer medication used to
19 kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells on a basis not less
20 favorable than intravenously administered or injected cancer
21 medications, including copayments.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 70.47 RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 Every schedule of benefits established or renewed beginning January
25 1, 2010, that provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment must
26 cover orally administered anticancer medication used to kill or slow
27 the growth of cancerous cells on a basis not less favorable than
28 intravenously administered or injected cancer medications, including
29 copayments.

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