



## SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

### Senate Bill 536 Printer's No. 517

Prime Sponsor: Tomlinson  
Committee: Banking and Insurance

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#### **SYNOPSIS:**

Amends the Insurance Company Law of 1921 to provide parity between coverage for oral chemotherapy or anticancer medications and coverage for intravenous chemotherapy.

#### **SUMMARY:**

Prohibits health insurance policies that provide coverage for both orally and intravenously administered chemotherapy from imposing cost sharing for orally administered cancer medication on a less favorable basis than intravenously administered cancer medication.

Prohibits health insurance policies from complying with this bill by imposing an increase in cost sharing solely for orally administered, intravenously administered or injected cancer medications.

The prohibitions in the bill do not preclude a health insurance policy from requiring an enrollee to obtain prior authorization before orally administered anticancer medication is dispensed to the enrollee.

Effective Date: Immediately

#### **BILL HISTORY:**

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