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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO INSURANCE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. Chapter 431:10A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2       amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3       and to read as follows:

4       "§431:10A-       Chemotherapy services. (a) All individual  
5       and group accident and health or sickness policies that include  
6       coverage or benefits for the treatment of cancer shall provide  
7       payment or reimbursement for oral chemotherapy drugs under the  
8       same terms and conditions and at a rate calculated according to  
9       the same methods as payment or reimbursement for intravenously  
10      administered chemotherapy drugs.

11       (b) For the purposes of this section:

12       "Intravenous chemotherapy drugs" means a physician-  
13      prescribed cancer treatment that is administered through  
14      injection directly into the patient's circulatory system by a  
15      physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, nurse, or  
16      other medical personnel under the supervision of a physician and  
17      in a hospital, medical office or other clinical setting.



1       "Oral chemotherapy drugs" means a United States Food and  
2       Drug Administration-approved, physician-prescribed cancer  
3       treatment that is taken orally in the form of a tablet or  
4       capsule and may be administered in a hospital, medical office,  
5       or other clinical setting or may be delivered to the patient for  
6       self-administration under the direction or supervision of a  
7       physician outside of a hospital, medical office, or other  
8       clinical setting."

9       SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

10       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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**Report Title:**

Health Insurance; Parity of Coverage; Oral Chemotherapy

**Description:**

Requires health insurance providers to provide parity of coverage for oral and intravenous chemotherapy.

