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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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* Section 1. AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 21.42.430. Coverage for anti-cancer medication. (a) Except for a fraternal benefit society, a health care insurer that offers, issues for delivery, delivers, or renews in this state a health care insurance plan that provides coverage for anti-cancer medications that are injected or intravenously administered by a health care provider and patient-administered anti-cancer medications, including those orally administered or self-injected, may not require a higher copayment, deductible, or coinsurance amount for a patient-administered medication than it requires for an anti-cancer medication injected or intravenously administered by a health care provider, regardless of the formulation or benefit category determination by the policy or plan.

(b) A health care insurer may not offset the costs of compliance with (a) of...
this section by

(1) increasing the copayment, deductible, or coinsurance amount required for anti-cancer medications injected or intravenously administered by a health care provider that are covered under the health insurance plan; or

(2) reclassifying benefits with respect to anti-cancer medications.

(c) Nothing in this section prohibits a health care insurance plan from requiring different cost-sharing rates for in-network and out-of-network providers or pharmacies.

(d) In this section, "anti-cancer medication" means a drug or biologic used to kill cancerous cells, to slow or prevent the growth of cancerous cells, or to treat related side effects.

* Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

APPLICABILITY. AS 21.42.430, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, applies to a health insurance policy that is offered, issued for delivery, delivered, or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2017.