

SENATE BILL NO. 142

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR GIESSEL

Introduced: 1/19/16

Referred: Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to insurance coverage for anti-cancer medications."**

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

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

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

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

15 (1) increasing the copayment, deductible, or coinsurance amount

1 required for anti-cancer medications injected or intravenously administered by a health
2 care provider that are covered under the health insurance plan; or

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

4 (c) In this section, "anti-cancer medication" means a drug or biologic used to
5 kill cancerous cells or to slow or prevent the growth of cancerous cells.

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

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