



# LAWS OF ALASKA

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**Chapter No.**

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**AN ACT**

Relating to insurance coverage for anti-cancer medications; and providing for an effective date.

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

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2 date.

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

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

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

1 this section by

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

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

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

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

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

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

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