

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 648

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE; AMENDING CHAPTER 18, TITLE 41, IDAHO CODE, BY
2 THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 41-1854, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVI-
3 SIONS REGARDING ANTICANCER MEDICATIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND
4 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 18, Title 41, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
8 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
9 ignated as Section 41-1854, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 41-1854. ANTICANCER MEDICATIONS. (1) For purposes of this section:

11 (a) "Anticancer medication" means a drug or biologic used to kill,
12 slow, or prevent the growth of cancerous cells, whether administered
13 orally, intravenously, or by injection.

14 (b) "Health benefit plan" shall have the same meaning as provided in
15 section 41-5903, Idaho Code.

16 (2) A health benefit plan issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027,
17 covering food and drug administration-approved anticancer medications
18 shall ensure that coverage for prescribed orally administered anticancer
19 medication is subject to the same plan design cost sharing with respect to
20 copayment, coinsurance, and deductible of an injected or intravenously ad-
21 ministered anticancer medication.

22 (3) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to prohibit a health ben-
23 efit plan from administering a formulary or preferred drug list, requiring
24 prior authorization, or imposing other appropriate utilization controls in
25 approving coverage for any anticancer medication.

26 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
27 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
28 July 1, 2026.