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Introduced by Representatives Mook of Bennington, Andrews of Rutland City,
Botzow of Pownal, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of
Brattleboro, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Jewett of
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Shaftsbury, Peltz of Woodbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of
Jericho, Waite-Simpson of Essex and Wizowaty of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; health insurance; oral anticancer medications

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require health insurers to provide
coverage for orally administered anticancer medications to at least the same
extent that they provide coverage for traditional chemotherapy.

An act relating to insurance coverage for oral anticancer medications

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

1 Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. chapter 107, subchapter 11 is added to read:

2 Subchapter 11. Orally Administered Anticancer Medication

3 § 4100g. ORALLY ADMINISTERED ANTICANCER MEDICATION;

4 COVERAGE REQUIRED

5 (a) A health insurer that provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy
6 treatment shall provide coverage for prescribed, orally administered anticancer
7 medications used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells on a financial
8 basis that is no less favorable than intravenously administered or injected
9 anticancer medications covered under the insured's plan.

10 (b) As used in this section, "health insurer" means any insurance company
11 that provides health insurance as defined in subdivision 3301(a)(2) of this title,
12 nonprofit hospital and medical service corporations, and health maintenance
13 organizations. The term does not apply to coverage for specified disease or
14 other limited benefit coverage.

15 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on October 1, 2009 and shall apply to all health
17 benefit plans on and after October 1, 2009 on such date as a health insurer
18 offers, issues, or renews the health benefit, but in no event later than October 1,
19 2010.