

Oral Drug Parity

House Bill 1825

Background

- Chemotherapy is the use of strong drugs to treat cancer.
- Historically, chemotherapy drugs have been primarily administered intravenously.
- Today, there are many types of chemotherapy that can be taken as a liquid, tablet, or capsule.
- Oral chemotherapy does not need to be injected in to the body and is as strong as the other forms.

- Today oral oncology therapies comprise about 10% of the available therapies.
- It is estimated that 25-35% of the medications in oncology development are oral therapies.

HB 1825 Detail

- Accident and health insurance policies that currently provide coverage for oral chemotherapy and IV chemotherapy are required to cover oral chemotherapy at the same benefit as IV chemotherapy.
- Insurers cannot achieve compliance with the coverage mandate by increasing financial requirements or imposing more restrictive treatment limitations.

- HB 1825 does not mandate coverage.
- HB 1825 was signed by Gov. Quinn on July 26, 2011 as PA 97-198.



Other States Actions

- Thirteen States and the District of Columbia have passed similar legislation.

Supporters

- American Cancer Society
- Susan G. Komen for the Cure
- American Lung Association
- International Myeloma Foundation
- Respiratory Health Association
- AARP
- Illinois State Medical Society

Opponents

- Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance
- Health Alliance