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SB 129 Engrossed

2025 Regular Session

Pressly

<u>Present law</u> requires health insurance plans to provide coverage for certain treatments for cancer.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>, and adds proton therapy treatment for cancer as recommended by the American Society for Radiation Oncology practice guidelines to the list of treatments health insurance plans must cover.

<u>Proposed law</u> applies to any new policy, contract, program, or health coverage plan issued on or after January 1, 2026. Any policy, contract, or health coverage plan in effect prior to January 1, 2026, shall convert to conform to the provisions of <u>proposed law</u> on or before the renewal date, but no later than January 1, 2027.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 22:1060.18)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to the original bill

- 1. Specify that the treatment must be recommended by the American Society of Radiation Oncology practice guidelines.
- 2. Remove prohibition on requiring insured undergo imaging test.
- 3. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Insurance</u> to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the date of policy applicability <u>from</u> January 1, 2026 <u>to</u> January 1, 2027.