
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires coverage for a patient's choice of medical and surgical treatment following a diagnosis of cancer.

Proposed law provides that decisions regarding treatment procedures performed following a diagnosis of cancer are to be made solely by the patient in consultation with attending physicians. Clarifies that all levels of medical and surgical treatment are medically necessary and prohibits exclusion from coverage. Requires consulting physicians to consider recognized, evidence-based standards, such as the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, in making treatment recommendations.

Proposed law requires a health benefit plan offered by a health insurance issuer that provides medical and surgical benefits for cancer treatments to cover the medical and surgical treatments corresponding to urinary and sexual dysfunction resulting from treatments that have been chosen by a patient diagnosed with cancer, in consultation with the attending physician. Further prohibits denial of coverage for procedures correcting urinary and sexual dysfunction resulting from treatments, including penile injections, external pumps, and surgical implants, as chosen by a patient in consultation with the attending physician.

Proposed law defines "health benefit plan" and "health insurance issuer".

(Adds R.S. 22:1077.3)