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House of Representatives, March 17, 2009

An Act Relating to Health Benefit Plan Coverage of Chemotherapy

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative ROSEN of Bucksport. Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and

Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BROWNE of Vassalboro, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CHASE of Wells, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, STRANG BURGESS of

Cumberland, VALENTINO of Saco, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4316 is enacted to read:
3	§4316. Access to orally administered cancer medications
4 5	1. Coverage of approved drugs. A carrier that provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy shall provide coverage for a prescribed orally administered cancer
6 7	medication used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells on a basis no less favorable than intravenously administered or injected cancer medications that are covered benefits.
. 8	2. Application. The requirements of this section apply to all individual and group
9	policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or
10	renewed in this State. For purposes of this section, all contracts are deemed to be renewed
11	no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.
12	SUMMARY
13	This bill requires that, if a carrier provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy, the
14	carrier shall provide coverage for a prescribed orally administered cancer medication on a
15	basis no less favorable than intravenously administered or injected cancer medications
16	that are covered benefits.