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	1244	Second reading
04/27/2017	3341	Special Order
	3341	Third reading Passed

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A bill for an act

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relating to health; requiring health plans to indicate level of coverage for certain

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anticancer medication; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 62A.3075.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 62A.3075, is amended to read:

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62A.3075 CANCER CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENT COVERAGE.

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(a) A health plan company that provides coverage under a health plan for cancer

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chemotherapy treatment shall not require a higher co-payment, deductible, or coinsurance

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amount for a prescribed, orally administered anticancer medication that is used to kill or

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slow the growth of cancerous cells than what the health plan requires for an intravenously

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administered or injected cancer medication that is provided, regardless of formulation or

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benefit category determination by the health plan company.

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(b) A health plan company must not achieve compliance with this section by imposing

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an increase in co-payment, deductible, or coinsurance amount for an intravenously

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administered or injected cancer chemotherapy agent covered under the health plan.

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(c) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit a health plan company from

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requiring prior authorization or imposing other appropriate utilization controls in approving

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coverage for any chemotherapy.

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(d) A plan offered by the commissioner of management and budget under section 43A.23

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is deemed to be at parity and in compliance with this section.

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(e) A health plan company is in compliance with this section if it does not include orally

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administered anticancer medication in the fourth tier of its pharmacy benefit.

2.1 (f) A health plan company that provides coverage under a health plan for cancer
2.2 chemotherapy treatment must indicate the level of coverage for orally administered anticancer
2.3 medication within its pharmacy benefit filing with the commissioner.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018, and applies to health
2.5 plans offered, sold, issued, or renewed on or after that date.