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Bradley commends senate support for bill to reduce oral anti-cancer therapy costs

Concord, NH – The Senate unanimously voted today to pass a bill prohibiting insurers from charging an insured a higher copayment, deductible, or coinsurance for anti-cancer medications, like self administered oral medications, than those same or different therapies administered in-office by a healthcare professional.

“Today, we passed a bill that would help save a life and I’m proud of my senate colleagues for their support on this critical bill. The bill, SB 137, prevents insurers from charging higher out-of-pocket costs for alternative or new chemotherapy treatments,” said Senator Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro).

“There have been occasions when an oral medication is the only effective option for treating a particular type of cancer. However, costs of these medications are not always fully covered by insurers in the same manner as other cancer therapies.”

“Many patients must unfairly choose to forgo a healthcare professional’s recommendations for taking these medications because of the significant costs that would be incurred.”

“Patients and their doctors should be able to choose the best course of treatment or medication to fight cancer and should be allowed to choose from every option regardless of whether or not it is an oral medication or in-office treatment and certainly not because of costs,” added Bradley.

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