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## **Chemotherapy Benefits**

This bulletin is directed to all insurers issuing or delivering policies of accident and sickness insurance in the state of Indiana as defined by <u>IC 27-8-5-1</u> and all health maintenance organizations (HMOs) specified by <u>IC 27-13-7-20</u> regarding chemotherapy medications.

This bulletin is intended to provide guidance on the implementation of <u>IC 27-8-32</u> and <u>IC 27-13-7-20</u> for policies issued, renewed, or delivered after December 31, 2009. The Department interprets <u>IC 27-8-32</u> and <u>IC 27-13-7-20</u> as applicable only to health insurance plans defined pursuant to <u>IC 27-8-14.5-1</u>.

Policies of accident and health, including HMO contracts, that provide coverage for both oral and intravenous/injectable chemotherapy treatment shall provide coverage for oral chemotherapy that is no less favorable in terms of dollar limits, copayments, deductibles, or coinsurance than the coverage provided pursuant to the nonpharmacy policy benefits for chemotherapy.

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