

Senate Bill 740

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires health benefit plans that cover radiation therapy for cancer to cover proton beam therapy on basis no less favorable than other covered benefits.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to cancer treatment; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 743A.068.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 743A.068 is amended to read:

5 743A.068. (1) A health benefit plan that provides coverage for:

6 **(a) Intravenously administered or injected cancer medications or coverage of prescription**
7 **drugs for the treatment of cancer** [*chemotherapy treatment*] must provide coverage for a pre-
8 scribed, orally administered anticancer medication used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells
9 on a basis no less favorable than [*intravenously administered or injected cancer medications that are*
10 *covered as medical*] **other covered** benefits.

11 **(b) Radiation therapy for cancer must provide coverage for proton beam therapy on a**
12 **basis no less favorable than other covered benefits.**

13 (2) As used in this section, "health benefit plan" has the meaning given that term in ORS
14 743B.005.

15 (3) The provisions of ORS 743A.001 do not apply to this section.

16 **SECTION 2.** **The amendments to ORS 743A.068 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to**
17 **health benefit plans issued, renewed or extended on or after the effective date of this 2019**
18 **Act.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.