1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to coverage for cancer and associated 3 conditions drug treatment; amending s. 627.4239, F.S.; defining the terms "associated condition" and "health 4 5 care provider"; prohibiting insurers of certain health 6 maintenance organization contracts from excluding 7 coverage for certain drugs on a specified ground; 8 prohibiting insurers of certain individual and group 9 health insurance policies and health maintenance 10 organization contracts from requiring, before a drug 11 is covered, that an insured or subscriber fail or have 12 failed to successfully respond to a different drug; providing applicability; prohibiting such insurers 13 14 from excluding coverage for certain drugs on a 15 specified ground; requiring coverage for specified 16 services; providing an effective date. 17 18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 19 20 Section 627.4239, Florida Statutes, is amended 21 to read: 22 627.4239 Coverage for use of drugs in treatment of 23 cancer.-24 (1)DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

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"Associated condition" means a symptom or side effect

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(a)

that:

- 1. Is associated with a particular cancer at a particular stage or with the treatment of that cancer; and
- 2. In the judgment of a health care provider, will further jeopardize the health of a patient if left untreated. As used in this subparagraph, the term "health care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 461, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 466.
- (b) (a) "Medical literature" means scientific studies published in a United States peer-reviewed national professional journal.
- (c) (b) "Standard reference compendium" means authoritative compendia identified by the Secretary of the United States

  Department of Health and Human Services and recognized by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
  - (2) COVERAGE FOR TREATMENT OF CANCER.
- (a) An insurer may not exclude coverage in any individual or group <a href="health">health</a> insurance policy or health maintenance organization contract issued, amended, delivered, or renewed in this state which covers the treatment of cancer for any drug prescribed for the treatment of cancer on the ground that the drug is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for a particular indication, if that drug is

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recognized for treatment of that indication in a standard reference compendium or recommended in the medical literature.

- (b) Coverage for a drug required by this section also includes the medically necessary services associated with the administration of the drug.
- (3) COVERAGE FOR TREATMENT OF STAGE 4 METASTATIC CANCER AND ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS.—
- (a) An insurer may not require in any individual or group health insurance policy or health maintenance organization contract issued, amended, delivered, or renewed in this state which covers the treatment of stage 4 metastatic cancer and its associated conditions that, before a drug prescribed for the treatment is covered, the insured or subscriber fail or have previously failed to successfully respond to a different drug.
- (b) Paragraph (a) applies to a drug that is recognized for the treatment of such stage 4 metastatic cancer or its associated conditions, as applicable, in a standard reference compendium or that is recommended in the medical literature. The insurer may not exclude coverage for such drug on the ground that the drug is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for such stage 4 metastatic cancer or its associated conditions, as applicable.
- (4) COVERAGE FOR SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH DRUG

  ADMINISTRATION.—Coverage for a drug required by this section

  also includes the medically necessary services associated with

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the administration of the drug.

- (5) (3) APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE.—This section may not be construed to:
- (a) Alter any other law with regard to provisions limiting coverage for drugs that are not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.
- (b) Require coverage for any drug if the United States
  Food and Drug Administration has determined that the use of the drug is contraindicated.
- (c) Require coverage for a drug that is not otherwise approved for any indication by the United States Food and Drug Administration.
- (d) Affect the determination as to whether particular levels, dosages, or usage of a medication associated with bone marrow transplant procedures are covered under an individual or group health insurance policy or health maintenance organization contract.
  - (e) Apply to specified disease or supplemental policies.
- <u>(f)</u> (4) Nothing in this section is intended, Expressly or by implication, to create, impair, alter, limit, modify, enlarge, abrogate, prohibit, or withdraw any authority to provide reimbursement for drugs used in the treatment of any other disease or condition.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.