

POLICY UPDATES AFFECTING CANCER CONTROL

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Coalition's Policy Efforts

- ✓ Align with Cancer Plan goals
- ✓ Best-practices to prevent, control, treat, and increase access to care
- ✓ Collaborate with partners
- ✓ Track bills that impact cancer control and coordinate action



AB155: BIOMARKER TESTING

BACKGROUND

- American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
- Expanding access to testing
- Analysis of tissue, blood, or other biospecimen for presence of biomarker
- Diagnostic, monitoring, prognostic, pharmacogenomic, predictive applications

AB155: BIOMARKER TESTING

WHAT'S IN THE BILL

- Coverage for biomarker testing for diagnosis, treatment, management, and monitoring of cancer, included Medicaid
- Sets conditions for coverage
- Study for cost-effectiveness of biomarker testing



SB194: PATIENT PROTECTIONS FOR STEP THERAPY PROTOCOLS

BACKGROUND

- Cost containment method used by insurers requiring patient to “fail first”
- SB290 passed in 2021, allows step therapy exemptions for stage 3 and 4 cancer only
- Extend applications for exemptions to all patients, not just cancer

SB194: PATIENT PROTECTIONS FOR THERAPY PROTOCOLS

WHAT'S IN THE BILL

- Requires insurers to use evidence-based guidelines in developing step therapy protocols
- Allows insured or their provider to request exemption, outlines process, and information
- Requires insurers to grant certain exemptions
- Allows for an appeal process
- Sets a time limit for replies



SB194: PATIENT PROTECTIONS FOR THERAPY PROTOCOLS

EXEMPTIONS

- Public Employees' Benefits Program
- Medicaid managed care organizations

SB330: ACCESS TO BREAST CANCER IMAGING

BACKGROUND

- NRS 457.1857 Report provided to patient regarding breast density
- Northern Nevada partners seeing too many late-stage breast cancers
- Breast Cancer Collaborative strategies
 - Establishing consistent screening guidelines statewide
 - Improving patient education
 - Exploring policy opportunities

SB330: ACCESS TO BREAST CANCER IMAGING

WHAT'S IN THE BILL

- Annual mammograms for **all** insured patients 40+
- High risk, but asymptomatic, imaging test
MRI, ultrasound, or other
- Diagnostic imaging test
MRI, ultrasound, or other
- No deductible, co-payment, co-insurance, or any other cost sharing



SB330: ACCESS TO BREAST CANCER IMAGING

EXEMPTIONS

- Federally regulated insurance, including ERISA plans
- Public Employees' Benefits Program
- Local government public employee plans



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