

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 219**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Perea**

February 4, 2013

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An act to add Section 1367.656 to the Health and Safety Code, and to add Section 10123.206 to the Insurance Code, relating to health care coverage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 219, as introduced, Perea. Health care coverage: cancer treatment.

Existing law, the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, provides for the licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care and makes a willful violation of the act a crime. Existing law also provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance. Existing law requires health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies to provide coverage for all generally medically accepted cancer screening tests and requires those contracts and policies to also provide coverage for the treatment of breast cancer. Existing law imposes various requirements on contracts and policies that cover prescription drug benefits.

This bill would prohibit a health care service plan contract and a health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2014, that provides coverage for prescribed, orally administered anticancer medications from requiring an enrollee or insured to pay a total cost-sharing amount of more than \$100 per filled prescription.

Because a willful violation of the bill's requirements relative to health care service plans would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 1367.656 is added to the Health and  
2 Safety Code, to read:

3 1367.656. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a health care  
4 service plan contract issued, amended, or renewed on or after  
5 January 1, 2014, that provides coverage for prescribed, orally  
6 administered anticancer medications shall not require an enrollee  
7 to pay a total cost-sharing amount of more than one hundred dollars  
8 (\$100) per filled prescription.

9 SEC. 2. Section 10123.206 is added to the Insurance Code, to  
10 read:

11 10123.206. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a health  
12 insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January  
13 1, 2014, that provides coverage for prescribed, orally administered  
14 anticancer medications shall not require an insured to pay a total  
15 cost-sharing amount of more than one hundred dollars (\$100) per  
16 filled prescription.

17 SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
18 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
19 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
20 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
21 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
22 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
23 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
24 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
25 Constitution.

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