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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to continuity of care for cancer treatment and  
2 providing an effective date and retroactive applicability.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 514C.17, subsections 1 and 2, Code  
2 2005, are amended to read as follows:

3 1. Except as provided under subsection 2 or 3, if a  
4 carrier, as defined in section 513B.2, an organized delivery  
5 system authorized under 1993 Iowa Acts, chapter 158, or a plan  
6 established pursuant to chapter 509A for public employees,  
7 terminates its contract with a participating health care  
8 provider, a covered individual who is undergoing a specified  
9 course of treatment for cancer or a terminal illness, or a  
10 related condition, with the recommendation of the covered  
11 individual's treating physician licensed under chapter 148,  
12 150, or 150A, may continue to receive coverage for treatment  
13 received from the covered individual's physician for cancer or  
14 the terminal illness, or a related condition, ~~for a period of~~  
15 ~~up to ninety days~~. Payment for covered benefits and benefit  
16 levels shall be according to the terms and conditions of the  
17 contract in effect for the covered individual prior to the  
18 termination of the contract except upon agreement of the  
19 covered individual.

20 2. A covered person individual who makes a change in  
21 health plans involuntarily may request that the new health  
22 plan cover services of the covered person's individual's  
23 treating physician licensed under chapter 148, 150, or 150A,  
24 who is not a participating health care provider under the new  
25 health plan, if the covered person individual is undergoing a  
26 specified course of treatment for cancer or a terminal  
27 illness, or a related condition. ~~Continuation of such~~  
28 ~~coverage shall continue for up to ninety days~~. Payment for  
29 covered benefits and benefit levels shall be according to the  
30 terms and conditions of the contract in effect for the covered  
31 individual prior to that individual's involuntary change in  
32 health plans.

33 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.

34 This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect  
35 upon enactment and is retroactively applicable to January 1,

1 2004.

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EXPLANATION

3 This bill provides that when an insurance carrier,  
 4 organized delivery system, or group insurer under Code chapter  
 5 509A terminates its contract with a participating health care  
 6 provider, a covered individual who is undergoing treatment for  
 7 cancer or a related condition may continue to receive coverage  
 8 for treatment received from that person's physician. The bill  
 9 provides that payment for covered benefits and benefit levels  
 10 shall be according to the terms and conditions of the contract  
 11 in effect for the covered individual prior to the termination  
 12 of the contract except upon agreement of the covered  
 13 individual.

14 The bill provides that when a covered individual makes an  
 15 involuntary change in health plans, that individual may  
 16 request that the new health plan continue to cover services  
 17 for treatment of cancer or a related condition and payment for  
 18 covered benefits and benefits levels shall be according to the  
 19 terms and conditions of the contract in effect prior to the  
 20 covered individual's involuntary change in health plans.

21 The bill takes effect upon enactment and is retroactively  
 22 applicable to January 1, 2004.

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