B-Engrossed
Senate Bill 740

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Sponsored by Senators HANSELL, MANNING JR, ROBLAN; Senators BENTZ, GOLDEN, OLSEN, THATCHER, WAGNER, Representatives BARRETO, MARSH, WITT

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.

Requires health benefit plans that cover radiation therapy for cancer to cover proton beam therapy on basis no less favorable than other covered benefits. **Permits prior authorization or other utilization review.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to cancer treatment.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of the Insurance Code.

SECTION 2. (1) A health benefit plan, as defined in ORS 743B.005, that provides coverage of radiation therapy for the treatment of cancer must provide coverage for proton beam therapy for the treatment of cancer on a basis no less favorable than the coverage of radiation therapy.

(2) The coverage of proton beam therapy under subsection (1) of this section may be subject to prior authorization, as defined in ORS 743B.001, or other utilization review, as defined in ORS 743B.001.

(3) This section is exempt from ORS 743A.001.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2019 Act applies to health benefit plans issued, renewed or extended on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.

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.