

EXPAND ACCESS TO BIOMARKER TESTING IN TENNESSEE

WHAT WOULD SB435/HB484 DO?

Does this legislation require all biomarker tests to be covered?

- No, **this legislation limits the circumstances for coverage and requires testing to meet specified evidence criteria in order to qualify for coverage.**
- Insurers would only be required to cover biomarker testing to diagnose, manage or monitor a disease, or guide treatment decisions when consistent with medical and scientific evidence.
- The legislation does not require coverage of testing to screen for a disease. For example, multicancer early detection tests (MCEDs) would not be covered under this bill.

Does this legislation apply to all insurance plans?

- This legislation applies to *state-regulated private insurance plans, TennCare, and the state employee health plan.*
- As with all state laws, large, self-funded plans that fall under EIRSA are not impacted.

Does this legislation only matter for cancer patients?

- This legislation can help patients with any disease or condition with proven applications for biomarker testing.

Do all patients need biomarker testing?

- No, and **this legislation only requires coverage of testing for specified purposes and when the testing meets evidence requirements.**

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