THE ASK
Will you support efforts to make treatments accessible to patients and vote YES on House Bill 4354, Oral Anti-Cancer Medication Fairness Legislation?

- The bill is currently in the Senate Health Policy Committee.
- The House passed this legislation 91-15 earlier this year.
- The Legislation has over 20 bipartisan co-sponsors.

BACKGROUND AND TALKING POINTS

- Currently, the out-of-pocket costs for oral chemo medications versus intravenous (IV) medications provide a barrier for some Michiganders to use them.
- Oral chemotherapy fairness legislation would equalize the out-of-pocket cost to the patient for oral chemotherapy and intravenous chemotherapy for those who purchase health insurance in Michigan.
- The out-of-pocket cost disparity between IV and oral chemotherapy can lead to patients making treatment decisions based on cost and not on what their doctor has recommended.
- Many patients that use oral chemotherapy medications are able to continue everyday activities like working and traveling. That is not always the case with IV chemotherapy.
- While most insurers cover the full cost of intravenous (IV) chemotherapy, out-of-pocket co-payments for oral cancer treatments can reach hundreds, even thousands of dollars each year.
- There are certain cancers that are only treatable through oral chemotherapy medication.
- Nationwide, 43 out of 50 states already have some form of oral chemotherapy fairness laws on the books.
- There is no evidence that this legislation has increased health insurance premiums in states with similar laws in effect.
- We are talking about those who are paying for their own insurance whether they are individuals or small business owners, not those who are on government programs or employer-sponsored health insurance.
- During this unprecedented pandemic having real access to oral treatments means that cancer patients can fight their cancer in the safety of their own homes.
THE MAP

States with Oral Chemo Coverage

What's the difference?
House Bill 4354 will help Michiganders
Coverage vs. Access

Private Insurance
- Services purchased by individuals or businesses to provide health coverage
- House Bill 4354 would apply, lowering the costs for patients to access oral anti-cancer medications
- Other states that have passed this type of law report, at most, a negligible impact on premiums.
- Illinois, a state similar to Michigan, saw no impacts on their premiums with this policy.

Self funded Plans
- Self-funded plans are funded through the organization providing the coverage, paying for the services themselves.
- Examples are GM, Ford, the State of Michigan.
- This legislation would not affect these plans.
- These plans are federally controlled.
- Efforts are being made federally to provide the same protections.

Medicare
- Medicare is a federally controlled health plan.
- This legislation would not affect Medicare.

Medicaid
- Medicaid is a state and federally controlled health plan.
- Medicaid has cost restrictions for patients ensuring that there is a low cost share for patients.
- This legislation does not affect Medicaid patients.