



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 186
[2013 Senate Bill 300]

**Cost-Sharing for Oral
Chemotherapy and Injected or
Intravenous Chemotherapy**

Under current law, a health insurance policy or plan may impose cost-sharing charges, including copayments, deductibles, or coinsurance charges. The charges may differ for various medical treatments and prescriptions, depending on the formulation or benefit category determination by the policy or plan.

2013 Wisconsin Act 186 imposes a cost-sharing parity requirement for coverage of oral chemotherapy and injected or intravenous chemotherapy. The requirement affects only health insurance policies or plans that provide coverage for **both** oral chemotherapy and injected or intravenous chemotherapy under an individual or group health insurance policy or under a self-insured governmental or school district health plan. A policy or plan that is subject to the parity requirement must either:

- Refrain from applying a higher copayment, deductible, or coinsurance amount for oral chemotherapy than for injected or intravenous chemotherapy, regardless of the formulation or benefit category determination by the policy or plan; or
- Limit copayments to no more than \$100 for a 30-day supply of oral chemotherapy medication. The \$100 limit is allowed to be adjusted for inflation beginning in 2016.

The Act allows an exception for a policy or plan that is a high-deductible, catastrophic health plan, as defined under federal law. That type of plan is not subject to the parity requirement under the Act until the deductible has been satisfied.

Effective date: The Act generally takes effect on January 1, 2015, and applies to policies or plans that are issued or renewed on or after that date. The Act applies to a health insurance policy or plan that is provided to employees under a collective bargaining agreement when the agreement expires, or is extended, modified, or renewed.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.