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MISSISSIPPI BILL TEXT

**TITLE: Health insurance; require certain policies to provide coverage for physician-prescribed proton beam therapy.**

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SUMMARY: AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN INSURANCE POLICIES AND CONTRACTS SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PHYSICIAN-PRESCRIBED PROTON BEAM THERAPY FOR THE TREATMENT OF CANCER AS RECOMMENDED BY THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR RADIATION ONCOLOGY (ASTRO); AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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To: Insurance

By: Senator(s) Hill

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

**SECTION 1.** (1) All individual and group health insurance policies providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis, individual and group service or indemnity type contracts issued by a nonprofit corporation, individual and group service contracts issued by a health maintenance organization, all self-insured group arrangements to the extent not preempted by federal law and all managed health care delivery entities of any type or description that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed on or after July 1, 2020, and providing coverage or benefits to any resident of this state for radiation oncology shall include coverage or benefits for physician-prescribed proton beam therapy for the treatment of cancer as recommended by the American Society for Radiation Oncology's most recent updates.

(2) The provisions of this section shall apply to the State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2020.

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